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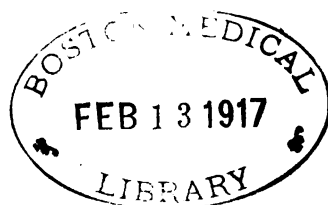
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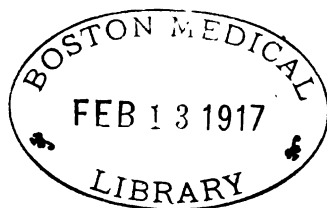
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January 1, 1811. New Years day. I dined with the Health Committee & afterwards attended the funeral of Mrs. Ward. She was honoured at her death. George Crowninshield, sen. Esqr. & Col. Hathorne were among the Pall holders & our best citizens did her honour. She has three Sisters & a Brother who have survived her. One sister is at Halifax, & the Brother in N. York State, the other two Sisters in Boston.

2. From Boston we learn that the infection of the times has reached them. They have several failures announced. The high prosperity of a few years has been succeeded with such commercial contingencies, never before experienced, that the unwary & the presumptuous have suffered greatly in their affairs. A curious incident yesterday. On Monday night John Collins, an old man, wandered from home. He was missing all night & the next day & was found at Chelsea Bridge & returned home in the Stage. How he supported the cold of the night, having never been abroad for a long time, is surprising. Upon his return I asked him where he had been & he replied chearfully he had been abroad. His feet & hands were frozen. He was not deranged so much as lost, as we phrase it, & had the pleasing idea of visiting some of his friends somewhere. Few of us in good health could have supported the cold of the same night abroad in open air & passing Lynn marshes.

4. On Wednesday evening died Richard Manning, Esqr. æt. 80. He was in the H[ouse] of Rep[resentatives] in 1788 & made Justice of the Peace & was of the Quorum in 1794. His G. Father was a Blacksmith from Danvers & had his shop on the corner of Orange street, now Hodges house. His father & he [were] Masters of vessels. He has accumulated a great interest by Money letting. Was a Batchelor & lived with an infirm Brother, a Batchelor, & his Sisters. Two Sisters & his Brother Jacob have survived him. The retired life & the nature of his employment have endless prejudices attached to them. He was temperate, attentive of his interest, & reserved in his habits & temper.

5. This night died also John Treadwell, Esqr. another of our Justices & one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Essex. This day he returned from Court at Ipswich, went to bed as usual, complained & before relief could be given expired in an Apoplexy, aged 72 years. He succeeded Mr. Henchman as Minister of Lynn, & from some disputes about his Salary he resigned & removed into Salem. In this town he first appeared as a Flour Merchant & by a second marriage bettered his circumstances. He first joined the North society under Dr. Barnard, & then the Tabernacle under Mr. Worcester. He professed to be a rigid Calvinist but without pulpit talents. He was a zealous friend of the party in the state called Federalists. The general opinion of his avarice prevented his great usefulness & he was far from possessing the confidence of his own party as he acknowledged to me in some complaints of their conduct towards him. He had been in the H[ouse] of Rep[resentatives] & Senate, but was too unpopular to be put for offices even by his greatest supporters. He was a temperate man, zealous for religious opinions, distant, & not of manners to soften the prejudices against his avarice. On the Bench his unhappy manner was against him & no persons appeared to put the value upon his knowledge of Lower Divinity which he was willing to put for himself.

6. Sunday. Notes. Benjamin Ward, d. of his wife. Elizabeth Nutting, d. of her Sister Ward, a Br. in N. York state, a S. in Halifax & in Boston. H. Crowninshield, d. of her Sister in law Ward. She lived with her. Margaret Sheldon, sick, Mother of late Peggy deceased. We may remark that of no place do the pupils of the Andover Institution make a more free use than of Salem. Two of the Instructors were in Salem on the last Sunday. They exhibit their talents in the South Meeting & in the Tabernacle, in which their unction is abundantly poured out for those who delight in it.

8. The amount of the Estate of R. Manning Esqr. so far as can be known by the Will, has by no means equalled the public expectations. The Cash Legacies scarcely amount to 30 th. Dollars when the public opinion had reckoned his estate at a quarter of a million. As the residue is left with the Executrix in toto the full amount cannot be ascertained. As much had been said of his wealth & of his avarice, this more interesting. He has not had the means which some supposed that he possessed.

9. A high character given of Judge Treadwell's influence at Court in the Gazette. He complained to me that he was thwarted in every thing by Col. B. Pickman, our other member in Senate, & it is a known fact he was dropped by his own party while in the plenitude of their power. He has left interest amounting to 9 th. D.

12. The weather has been kind hitherto which is a serious blessing in the high price of fuel. The failure of Col. Peabody at Newburyport, is said to have been of great amount & has been at the same time with several failures in business in Boston. So much is done upon speculations rather than in capital stocks that serious apprehensions are justly awakened everywhere.

13. Sunday. Notes. Jacob Manning & Sisters, d. of their Brother. John Peters & wife, d. of his Mother, æt. 79. She was a West of Salem. Mathew Vincent & children, d. of his wife, an Andrew. May Andrew, d. of her youngest d. Sarah Vincent. Joseph Vincent & wife, d. of D. in law Vincent. They desire the sympathy of this cong[regation] for the effect produced by the eternal law which has been the death of one of his children. (Such & So.)

14. I was at Capt. Peters. I could get nothing of the family. He said an Andover man had been with him & claimed some family connection. The Father of Capt. Peters I knew & his sister married a Roberts, Jona. Brother of John, now living æt. 90, formerly minister at Leicester.

15. The weather has been changeable this year but not severe. If we have snows we have also rains, & we have had long fogs. Our harbour has not yet been once frozen, even around the wharves, so that navigation has been free.

16. The Great Mr. [Israel] Thorndike has left Beverly, in following the example of Mr. W[illiam] Gray, L. Gov. from Salem. As Mr. T. was unrivalled in Beverly & was sovereign it has been hinted that he did not appear satisfied to be lost among his many equals in Boston.

18. This day the news was brought me of the death of my sister Elizabeth Fowle,* æt. 41. She seemed to have the best constitution for long life of any of us. The fatigues of a long sickness of two years in her family & late long sickness of her husband & her endless fatigues contributed to this event. She miscarried & the case was fatal. She was an industrious, faithful wife & mother, & good friend. She died with calm resignation, not hating life but submitting to give it up.

19. Was at Boston at the funeral of my sister. Two Brothers & two Sisters were present & my father. One Brother absent because living in Maine. The attention at the funeral was respectful. It was the first time I ever saw a hearse & I was much in favour of it upon every account. It was driven by one horse & attended by four porters. My Sister was buried in the New Ground called Clarke's pasture formerly & in the first row. All the funeral arrangements in Boston are new to me. I returned in the evening as I had provided upon leaving Salem.

*Wife of Henry Fowle, blockmaker, of Boston.

20. Sunday. Note. Samuel Lambert & wife, d. of youngest child Ab[igail] Rogers [Lambert] & of a near friend, probably Mary Ward a neighbour.

23. I had with me at dinner the new Schoolmasters, both of them from Andover, Mr. [Moses] Stevens & [Daniel] Berry. Mr. Stevens has opened the Grammar School & it has 20 scholars. He was educated publickly at Dartmouth College. Mr. Berry is in the East School.

24. This day Mr. S[amuel] Masury below the Haste was leaving the Ship of which he had been pilot & the mast of his boat caught in the rigging & the boat upset & sunk. Help was soon given from the Ship & the 3 men with him were saved, but Masury, tho' taken before he sunk, was not recovered. He had been esteemed a firm, faithful man & much approved as the Master of the Revenue Boat. He was a Gunner of the Essex in her first cruise, & then returned to his office again. A very careful man & fixed, almost to obstinacy. He perished by almost the first oversight he committed.

27. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Webb & wife, d. of Br. in Law Masury, his & prayers for his Brother Stephen Webb, absent from his family. May Foye very sick, pr. for her Son at Sea, Andrew. The case of Capt. S. Masury, æt. 59, is singular. He married a D. of St[ephen] Webb, a family in which the Daughters without common education have been violently attached to ignorant enthusiasts & lately to a Mr. [Abner] Jones who officiates as preacher in a Barn belonging to the family & near Masury's house. Masury has always given public testimony against their follies & has always refused to visit their assemblies & gave it in charge to his family should he die that if all the family should refuse to attend his funeral said Jones should not perform his funeral service. And yet against the remonstrances of friends, said Jones was employed by the children devoted to him & the man was happy in this triumph over the dead. The virulence of ignorant superstition not to be exceeded.

28. A wonderful escape from fire at Wid. Richardson's, Court street. A large wooden oven lid was put before the oven & then shut into a flue oven with a pine panelled door. The Oven lid burnt to ashes, burnt to a coal the inside of the door, & through the chamfered edge of the panel & went out without further damage. A large wooden seat was within a few inches of the panel & all materials for ready combustion. Not a sign of fire appeared in the morning.

29. There have been fires in Portland & Exeter in which several houses have been destroyed. A House in Ipswich lately. Salem has suffered very little & the many brick buildings now erected in different parts of the town are a new security but probably not so

great as our former prudential & domestic arrangements now lost. Our Church had their annual settlement. Whole sum 61 dollars, balance in our favour 23 Dollars.

31. Yesterday afternoon I passed for the first time over the new road from Salem Turnpike to the Spring south of Spring pond, to the New House to be finished for the entertainment of parties at the Spring. The Icehouse is finished as is the Large House externally. It is of two upright stories with a kitchen below. It is westward a few rods of the old House which formerly stood here for the same purpose & which was burnt down about 70 years ago. Carpenters now at work.

February 2 [1811]. Alarms have been spread of Incendiaries & in several wards Voluntary guards have been formed, but from the stories of the alarm I am not without apprehension that there is more of policy than of danger from fires. By keeping the mind in continual vexation & then by exclamations against the state of the public mind, the public confidence is to be shaken for desperate purposes worse than private conflagrations. I know of no occurrences which can justify so great alarms.

3. Sunday. Notes. Children & G. Ch. of Sara Millet, sudden death. Sarah Swaney, d. of her mother May Welman, æt. 74, a. at sea. Wid. Sara Welman & Children, d. of her M. in law & son at sea. Mrs. Millet returned from a visit to her youngest D[aughter] Wilson, put off her outside garments, spake of her health, & in the act of attention to a child brought to her, expired without a struggle, 76 years of age. No particular indisposition. She eat as chearfully & knit in the evening & walked as well as usual. This morning was a remarkable Snow storm which continued all day at N. E. without intermission. Some of our young Daughters tarried at meeting during the intermission & food was sent to them. Snow deep.

4. The storm continues without ceasing & the banks of snow, even in Essex street, are 9 feet. The wind rises & continues easterly. The roads are blocked up. Some attempted to break the roads through the town & preparations were made to open the road on the Turnpike to Boston. The quantity of snow great.

5. The Gloucester Election by bonds actually given that the town should pay for only two out of five representatives & the motives assigned to keep down the Democrats is a just specimen of the zeal of the opposition. Mr. Sergeant on the Boston seat, formerly of G., dared to challenge the Court to proceed, much in the style of Quincy, Pickering & others. It seems to be the system to refuse no insults or violence to prevent the present administration of our national affairs. The Court decided against the Gloucester election by 226 to 119, nearly 2 thirds. Opposite statements will be made as great efforts are used to prevent the public mind from an alarm at such outrageous proceedings.

7. This day Salem was deprived of one of the most ingenious men it had in it. Samuel McIntire, æt. 54, in Summer street. He was descended of a family of Carpenters who had no claims on public favour & was educated at a branch of that business. By attention he soon gained a superiority to all of his occupation & the present Court House, the North & South Meeting houses, & indeed all the improvements of Salem for nearly thirty years past have been done under his eye. In Sculpture he had no rival in New England & I possess some specimens which I should not scruple to compare with any I ever saw. To the best of my abilities I encouraged him in this branch. In Music he had a good taste & tho' not presuming to be an Original composer, he was among our best Judges & most able performers. All the Instruments we use he could understand & was the best person to be employed in correcting any defects, or repairing them. He had a fine person, a majestic appearance, calm countenance, great self command & amiable temper. He was welcome but never intruded. He had complained of some obstruction in the chest, but when he died it was unexpectedly. The late increase of workmen in wood has been from the demand for exportation & this has added nothing to the character & reputation of the workmen so that upon the death of Mr. McIntire no man is left to be consulted upon a new plan of execution beyond his bare practice.

8. We have now a serious alarm that all the news about the revoking of the French decrees is a deception. That our Vessels public & private are detained. This has occasioned great uneasiness & has checked the proceedings of Congress respecting our foreign affairs. We are sure nothing has been done in England respecting these orders. This alarm is attended with endless failures principally in New York, but they touch even the speculators in Salem. Business by passing out of the usual channels, hurled to boundless corruption & the mercantile character never was more profligate.

10. Sunday. Note. Peter Berry & wife, her delivery. Major Howe of Sutton, of the H. of Representatives, spent the day with us at Salem. He is said to have written the answer to the Gov.'s speech this year. He calls Sutton the Birmingham of America.

13. Mr. Prince with me from Newbury Port. The violence done to the printing office of the Indep[endent] Whig belonging to Mr. [Nathaniel H.] Wright they know will be redressed by subscription, not by prosecution, as the party must decide as they did about the death of Austin. They ought to expect much trouble with costs & charges but nothing like indemnification. The Gale last night which did great damage at the Wharves in Boston, was high but did no damage in our harbour. But the Stone

pier upon Bowditch's Ledge which cost 4 th. D. & was insured for 2 years, was carried away & just after the time of insurance was out. It was placed upon shingle ballast from which it probably slipped in mass into deep water. Its altitude twenty feet.

15. Was summoned before Justice Punchard at his office, before a Reference upon the subject of a cruel whipping given to a boy under 12 years by a Truckman of the town named French. I could only testify to the cries & seeing the whipping from my window. These Truckmen are in their manners the most depraved & cruel of any of our citizens & we have no examples of licentiousness in any of our citizens to compare with their vile manners.

16. This month has been so stormy that our friends have not been able to double Cape Cod & some have been detained a long time in Martha's Vineyard. One of our Captains after bearing from the Vineyard, was beat off, & after thirty days recovered the Vineyard again with the loss of some of his spars & rigging & having some of his men frozen. Many of our Vessels still at the Vineyard. Mr. Gallatin's letter upon the Bank of the U. S. is interesting & has opened mouths against him. And [Joseph E.] Sprague one of our Reps. from Salem, makes much shouting in the Gen[eral] Court. The conduct of this boy I have been witness to in the School Committee. The Monkey shows his tail.

17. Sunday. Snow storm again & public worship better attended, as we have had so much foul weather, and tho' to regard it would be a shutting up for the season. Things tolerably quiet at home. The failure of Capt. John Barr in Salem added to these outrages of Adventurers is an addition to the public astonishment & another shock to public confidence. This man always esteemed cautious, had indorsed upon speculating notes for 3 h. t. [\$300,000] D. besides the private debts he had contracted & actually stands committed in his failures for 2 h. t. [\$200,000] when he has no kind of property to that amount. These things explain the state of the Commercial world & the influence it has upon the moral. The Alarm is still out. A late Gazette announces the d. of John Wyeth, Esqr. of Cambridge, in Feb. 1811, æt. 68. He graduated at Cambridge in 1760 & was afterwards settled as a Congregational Minister in Squam Parish in Gloucester, or Cape Ann. I have seen the printed ordination Sermon but do not recollect the year. He remained in unmarried life, but became so obnoxious to this charge that to terrify him they fired into his windows. In consequence he resigned his charge & removed to Cambridge within a few years after his settlement & entered into the profession of Law. In this he was without fame & too often employed in humble suits, without any talents as a pleader. In Cambridge, he was considered rather as a singular than a depraved man, & many anecdotes which had been employed had tended to

place him where his usefulness could be little regarded. The epithet "Janny" was enough from every mouth to express not aversion but insensible diminution of the man. The three Sec-tarian Congs. of Salem are abundant in their acts of discipline. It is nothing extraordinary for our Servants to attend at the hear-ings of the Accused. The word Accused is as familiar as in 1692. Capt. Carlton, lately returned from Java, says that he took from the Cape of Good Hope 3 Baptist Missionaries & landed them at Madras. Two of them were to tarry in the Indian Continent & one to pass to Rangoun or Pegu. He represents them as full of zeal, of exclusive faith, but not by any means Jesuits in their arts of living.

18. The continuance of the stormy weather has loaded our Streets with Snow, above 2 feet upon a level. Our friends who have arrived & have been long detained upon our Shores complain of heavy sufferings & stormy weather has been round the Globe but particularly in the European parts of it. Our domestic poli-tics turn upon the Florida expedition & New Orleans state, upon the Nonintercourse & decrees & orders, & upon the United S. Bank. We have not been cool upon the subject but very angry, & some of our noisy folks very rash in their speeches.

20. Had the singers of our Society with me this evening. Ma-dams Rogers & P[enn] Townsend assisted to supply the table. The evening agreeable. A Seperation had ensued upon a pre-tended neglect instigated by a female. Present Master Perry, M. Healy, at the bass viol, G. Hodges, D. & I. Chever, M. Forbes, W. Babbidge, M. Ropes, & of the young ladies R. & M. Becket, S. & M. Babbidge, H. Hodges, M. Waters. It is seldom a more pleas-ing circle is formed for such purposes or more perfect consent obtains. Mr. Ward & Babbidge & a few friends gave us their company.

22. This day attended the funeral of Moses Woodman of New-bury. He perished on Wednesday night in a building near the neck formerly belonging to Perkins, now Palfrey. It seems he came home intoxicated to lay with some others who held a room & to lodge under a sail [and] that he fell upon the floor & having but miserable cloathing, he lay & perished. The night was cold, not far above zero, in this exposed situation & the building afford-ing but poor shelter, in so bleak a place & probably chilled, or having laid abroad, as he had several contusions. He had been sent home from our Charity house but had returned. He was buried from the Charity house. He had a son with him.

26. Political party in Mass. is now struggling. The attempts to overrule the election in the Legislature by the influence of Boston, have been extraordinary. The affair of Gloucester has been exposed. The Opposition wished to find an example in the

Ruling party in vain. The Committee of Elections have been long sitting upon the choice of the Members from Boston & some shameful practices have appeared. But the Judiciary have declared respecting the right to estimate property of Aliens & the combined force of ridicule, Law of union, & the influence at the Seat of the Legislature, have stopped where the Opposition would not have stopped. There is now fear that the friends of other Candidates will weaken the Government party as no division is to be expected in the Opposition to balance it. A few men decide absolutely what the Opp. has to do for them.

27. The repeated rains have given us very bad travelling. But the fleet from the Vineyard is coming in & that is agreeable news after their long detention. Happily the loss of property has not been great in the late snow storms. A County Convention of Reps. is appointed in Essex at Ipswich, but I promise myself nothing from men who acted as at their last meeting in this district by the meamest competitions & motives.

28. Attended the funeral of the wife of Capt. John Endicott on the Endicott farm, Endicot neck, between Duck & Cowhouse rivers or between Waters' Mill Bridge & Hutchinson's Mill bridge. This is the spot chosen by our first Governour & his family lie interred on the north side of it. The family retained the whole neck till within a few years. An improvident heir now living but aged, mortgaged & then sold the northern part in which the Burial Ground lays, but the Western part has been redeemed by the Sons of the present resident from the mortgage, so that the Site of the house, orchard & landing still remain in the family. The present generation of Sons follow the seafaring life & have property & live in Salem & are respected.

March 1 [1811]. I never saw roads in worse condition than they were yesterday. In passing to the New Mills with a strong horse in a sleigh, he parted from the Sleigh & broke his tackling in the leaps he was obliged to make when he had sunk in the banks of snow which still continue to cover the walls where ever the banks are while the intermediate spaces are bare or else covered with waters that cannot discharge themselves. A Sleigh returning with me lost its bells by the sudden motion in pitching over the snow banks & we dared not to think of returning an inch with hopes of recovering them. I notice this fact as the most extraordinary known to me.

3. Sunday. The fanaticism of this town has had a new aggravation. A Girl named Bancroft came from Boston to a house in Northey street, Wind mill point, & had terrible convulsion fits, was tormented, had outcries, & complained of a woman in Boston who bewitched her, was troubled only in the night & prophecied the death of the woman, besides endless circumstances which report

had aggravated into all the extraordinary things of 1692. The public mind long disturbed by fanaticism took the alarm like tinder. The house was crowded day & night by priests & people. A thousand were assembled this evening & the subject was debated among the multitude just as it would have been in 1692 & as extravagant fears betrayed. A firm policy is our salvation. Mr. Lambert shews us the extacies of the Negroe in Charleston & the boundless excentricities of the Camp Meeting. Not a traveller passes the country but he has his remarks to make upon the fanaticism, folly & prevalence of little sects in our County. Mr. Kendal* says he went from the Stafford Springs to Wilmington, & after giving an exact picture of the house & assembly he gives a sermon or sketch in the true style of the better sort of Anabaptists when not in camp & extacy. It might be judged an illnatured ridicule did not the preaching on the Common, the exhortations of women & children, the singing in the street, the tales of changes, & the irregularities of their Assemblies, furnish, even in Salem, all the means to verify these accounts & to confirm this dismal description of our fanaticism.

In the Haverhill paper it is notified that Hosea Ballou was to preach in the West Meeting House in that town on 3 March. This man is at Portsmouth & has great fame with the Universalists & is their greatest text book maker & Hymn maker in these parts & is often at Salem. I have not before seen a notification of any Universalist who was to preach in any Congregational Meeting House in this County before & scarcely in the State. When Mr. [John] Murray preached in the old house in Salem, the house was opened by violence not by consent. We were mightily filled with Evening Lectures in Salem this evening. This wonderful girl from the Stews of Boston has given a new start to fanatic zeal.

5. The Selectmen & Overseers interfered respecting the pretended Witch & ordered her out of town or into the Work house. She preferred the former & decamped. This has much disappointed the fanatics who promised themselves a harvest from this affray. Gen. Abbot in doing his duty was not ashamed to give his mind to the busy [Abner] Jones, an itinerant who has been busy untill midnight with this impudent & lawless woman to keep it up for the good [of] the whole.

7. Rode over to Mr. Collins in South fields near Forest R. Through some of the banks a path is opened by the shovel. The Snow in heavy drifts.

9. Last evening the Friends of the Adm[inistration] had a Caucus, J. Saunders, Mod[erator]. The opposition have no Caucus & do not publish their Candidates in the Gazette this year.

*Edward A. Kendall: Travels through the Northern Parts of the United States, 3 vols. N. Y. 1809.

10. Sunday. Note. May Proctor & Child, d. of her Mother in law at Danvers, æt. 76, Husb. at sea. We begin to feel in Salem the virulence of sects. Our Town Clerk [John Punchard] who is a man of great vanity & [has] much of the pride of the strictest sect, has done the duty of his office. But the little sects around him are offended at him. Not the best men but the worst who have all the malignity rather than vanity of sects, being ignorant & perverse. The Branch separated from the Church to which he belongs, & the Universalists find that he did not write their man "reverend."

11. Our Annual Town Meeting for choice of Town Officers. The Republicans were out generaled at their first movements & thrown into confusion. The Opposition gained the Moderator, Town Clerk & Assessors before they were checked. The Republicans gained two of the Selectmen by the Ballot & no others were chosen. The Assessors were put up together & voted in while the house was occupied by the party, it not being sufficient to receive all the voters. The contest was sharp & as we usually say the last the worst evil.

12. Town Meeting again & the other three Republican Selectmen were chosen & the Overseers of the Poor. Mr. Nichols resigned & Mr. Johonnot in his place. Then it was proposed to add to the number of the Assessors & the debates continued till after ten in the evening & then an adjournment untill the next day. The young Lawyers were in the opposition busy. After the adjournment the Reps. had a caucus in which they determined to maintain their energies in all the other business which was to come before the Town. But we have some weak brothers as well as our neighbours.

13. The town meeting of this day was as extraordinary as of the preceeding & after much trifling the meeting was dissolved without any business done. The increase of the Gentlemen of the Law in Town meeting makes a sad tax upon the time & spirits of the people. There is no fee of silence any more than at the bar, the higher the price the greater the contention & the longer it may last.

14. Another Bankrupt in Salem for a large Sum. John Gardner, with little experience & few talents has traded beyond his Capital. Such are the failures of these times & the sumptuous living, not less a Vice, & great expences of these men have betrayed the poor into needless expenditures, & into a most dangerous confidence that their industry could not lodge its gains in safer hands.

15. The air was pure; the temperature & the weather calm. For the first time I took my walk round the shores of the Neck & with my young pupils, a dish of Coffee at the Neck farm. The

fowl were seated on the water & not the least motion to be perceived in the water from the gentle breeze. The higher parts of the Neck are quite free from snow which yet lays deep in the hollows.

16. This day we lost an old friend Pickering Collins, æt. 69, a Farmer in South fields by whom we have been often kindly entertained. His G. Father was Capt. Pickering who married a Brown & lived at the head of Union wharf, & whose Sister is now Wife to W. Browne our Deacon. And [also died] Col. Israel Huteson of the New Mills, Danvers, lately Salem. The Col. was above four score & a most active & zealous man in our revolution & his zeal never relaxed in his old age. In consequence, when parties were high, he had his full share of invective for which he had as sovereign contempt as firmness of mind could give him, & the clearest conviction of sound principles. As his most active life was over at the peace, when I first knew him, I must get his history from his friends.

18. Another added to the List of Bankrupts, Col. G. Dean. The office of Colonel has been held in succession by some of the best men in Salem. It is not by the Republicans it has been discredited. Archer was promoted by the Opposition. A man of the lowest education & of the lowest mind. He obtained credit & failed for 173 th[ousand] D. His affairs were given to Trustees & they have not in a year made the least dividend for the Creditors while the Culprit appears to possess all the independence of the greatest wealth. His successor, Dean, is a Gentleman in his manners & has been a Commission merchant. He never had property & the expences of high living are to be paid from the stock of his creditors. These are unworthy successors of the Curwens, Harthornes, Plaisteds, Turners, Pickmans, Fiskes, Abbots, Derbys, & a long string of worthies. We are alarmed by the reports of some others who have been rash speculators & unexperienced adventurers.

19. Mr. Pickering Collins was brought from his farm in South-fields & buried from his Brother in Law's W. Browne. His friends could attend with greater convenience & they did their duty. He was much & deservedly respected. His wife was a Morgan, & Morgan the father in Law possessed the farm before him. He has left one Son, unmarried, besides his other children. His Mother Pickering & G. Mother a Ward.

21. Died, the Widow of John Norris the noted benefactor of the Andover Theological Institution. As she had much wealth at her disposal & was under the government of the Ecclesiastica, they will of course speak as they profit. But neither he nor she had a common share of understanding. It is said in her last hours, after repeated denials, Hopkins was admitted & with proper aid a suitable will was made from which the most busy were sure to profit. So soon have monkish practices begun in our Country.

22. I went to Cambridge with Andrew Dunlap who had been suspended at Cambridge, to attend his examination for a return. He came to me 7 May last & has pursued his studies. We had very kind attention from the President, Mr. Hedge, & Mr. Willard, & the young man was received upon the payment of the usual sum at the rate of 100 Dollars a year. The most important concern is to provide good Lodgings & good Company. We returned before Sundown & breakfasted & dined at the Hotel in Lynn.

23. Col. Israel Hutchinson who died at New Mills formerly Salem, now Danvers, went a Soldier against Canada, had a Lieutenant's Commission & was in service during the war. Was Captain of a Company of Minute men at the time of Lexington battle. Was in that action & lost 11 of his men killed & wounded. Became at the Commencement of the war a Lt. Col. & then a Col. in the American service. After 20 months he returned home, was 21 years in the General Court & Council, & was a firm Republican till the hour in which he expired. I had a personal acquaintance with this firm & active man. He had 13 children, 118 grand children, 146 great grandchildren & 7 of the fourth generation, & was active till he died. When at work in his log pit his foot slipped on the ice & he fell several feet & wounded his head & never recovered & in about a fortnight died.

24. Sunday. Notes. Charity Collins & children, d. of her Husband. W. Browne & wife, d. of her Brother Collins, pr. for friends at Sea. The most interesting event of the moment is the Will of the wife of John Norris. This rich merchant, a man of great wealth but of the weakest intellect, fell into the hands of the fanatics who finding him without children fed upon the honey of his hive. When the Institute at Andover was contemplated to gratify the vanity of Pearson, & the zeal of the fanatics against the Institute at Cambridge, Norris was thought of as a suitable person to advance money upon the occasion. It did not prove a difficult thing to get 10,000 D. from him & here the contribution ended as he died intestate. His wife of the same habits with her husband has had every attention from the new Andover Institute & its patron, in hopes of finding the hive still open & it is said they have left her little of her income having induced her to reside part of the year at Andover to take a son of Dr. Spring & his family into her house at her own expence. On the last Sunday she was abroad at public worship & in the evening with her friends, but she was taken with some internal obstruction which soon terminated in a mortification. As soon as the danger was known the house was beset with the fanatic priests, the relatives were discharged from their attendance, the friends excluded, & these fanatic priests proceeded in their great work of turning her great interest into the use of the Church. They gave 30 th. D. to the

institution & 30 th. more to the missionaries they are to patronise, put down one thousand each for the four priests who beset the dying woman & after parcelling out as much as they pleased to their friends in legacies, they left the rest for the Sisters who were denied the privilege of being present at the distribution of an estate to which they were the rightful heirs. This is support to a Good cause with a vengeance. The public indignation is most strongly excited but as the witnesses are members of a religious society which has a proud donation, it is feared that justice will not be obtained & this wicked work will not be fully exposed. Col. Harthorne, whose wife is sister to the Testator, assures me that every thing has been done by able council to put aside the will & if not, to give the world a full history of the transaction. This is not a new thing in the world tho' it is among us. We had an attempt of Dr. Walter of Boston, to help himself & he was exposed & lost his game. But this is a Game played for the Church in which they only have shares. Hopkins, Emerson, Worcester & Spring attended & put themselves in for a 1000 D. each. And yet in their haste they forgot the young Spring who lived in her house, was her favorite & her chaplain & had all her promises & her confidence. So surely will such designs betray themselves. The Physicians knew her case well.

25. Talk enough of Mrs. Norris' will. T. Pickering's Letters as they issue, are read & praised by one party, & they are read & ridiculed by the other. A greater Egotist never existed. The Father kept Salem in broils all his life & his father's brother was in the same condition in Chebacco. Tim was always in the newspapers & he is determined to finish as he begun. We have had six numbers already, the rest are to be suspended for some time.

27. An alarm in the town that the Opposition had determined to employ none of the friends of the Administration. When an attempt of this kind was made in the days of Mr. Gray & he was asked to put his name first to such a combination he replied, "Do we not know they can also combine against us." Peabody who now is at the head of the wealth is not a man of reflection & has excited part of this plan we are told by dismissing several persons from his employment because of their votes. It is enough there is an alarm.

28. Was burnt by accident the Marblehead Poor House. It was itself poor enough, but it was the receptacle of 110 poor as poor as itself & among the humblest kind of miserales. The poor were all saved & the Inhabitants of Salem were ready with their assistance for which they had acknowledgements. It is but lately that the house has been put under comfortable regulations. The Selectmen of Salem made instant propositions to give up for their use the hospital buildings the town of Salem holds in the Great Pasture, or any accomodations in their power.

April 1 [1811]. Our day of Elections. An uncommon zeal was discovered by the Opposition & men were unequivocally thrust from their employments when their refusal to vote at the discretion of their employers was known. However by great exertion we had the majority by a few votes & stood above 800 strong.

2. We have had something of an alarm. Three active men in middle life have died of a fever within a few days from a Rope-walk in which they have been employed upon damaged hemp. The Wife of one of them has also soon followed her husband & several have been & are sick in the same families. Nothing has been given to the public from the Physicians, but the case really exacts some inquiry. The facts are sure.

3. Had a pleasant walk to Collins, Southfields. An opinion prevails that Bristol County will return republican Senators & this will give a sure majority in the Senate. The language of the opposition papers favours the belief of this event. It is too interesting not to become a familiar topic of Conversation with us.

4. As the Town Meeting was dissolved before the usual choice of Town Officers had been completed, the Selectmen convened the Ministers to act with them according to Law in the charge of the Schools. I assured the Gentlemen that I knew no School Committee distinct from the Selectmen, in Boston before the Revolution, & that the Selectmen gave the invitations to the Ministers, provided the annual dinner according to the order of the Town, & that the Ministers were not formed into a Committee with the Selectmen & extended the duty of their invitation only to the visitation. We talked, read the law & then without ceremony dispersed.

7. Sunday. Notes. May Calley, d. of her Husband's Mother, she a Becket, & pr. for her Husband, Capt. in a missing vessel. Margaret Bishop, d. of her Husband's sister, Wid. S. Henderson. Mrs. Calley, Sister of Mrs. Collier who with her husband died of a fever which carried off three men who worked in a ropewalk, & some apprehensions were excited from the state of the hemp in that walk.

8. Depositions taken from the Physicians respecting Mrs. Norris. The Physicians say that she was not in the condition to make a will. The witnesses were in a sense parties. This uncommon affair interests the public mind deeply as a specimen of those religious frauds frequent in Catholic countries.

9. The appearance of commercial affairs is much against our Country. The French have lately burnt several vessels at sea & the English have taken for going into France contrary to Orders in Council. We could judge better if we could see the nature of the mercantile transactions as nothing like honour in Commerce seems to be in the order of the day. So many false papers & covered frauds have been introduced by the present state of Commerce. Honour is out of the question.

12. This evening died Joshua Phippen, æt. 70, he has large connections in Salem.

13. Numbers in answer to Mr. Pickering appear in the Patriot, a Gaz[ette] of Boston. The loss of the Senate by the opposition is a sure disappointment. A struggle for the house of Representatives is anticipated & in Salem we are not without apprehensions for ourselves as the private influence is increased & many men pretend many things to excuse deviation from their course. The many failures of little Speculators who could trade in any way with success while commerce was in our hands has had a sure effect upon the thoughtless adventurers & their friends.

14. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Eunice Richardson, d. of her Brother in Law Major Ezra Putnam, æt. 83, at Marietta, Ohio, formerly of Middleton, Mass., & pr. for her sons at sea. William Balch Parker, d. of his Brother Capt. Phineas Parker, æt. 56, of Bradford, Mass., & th. for his wife's delivery. Mary Foye, dangerously sick, a Collins, marr. Ledbetter.

Mr. Spaulding of the Branch in Salem, informs me that the high party & will makers have a new plan to attach the Negroes to their interest in Salem. Mr. Spaulding originated long since a plan for their Instruction & induced the town to establish a school for small black children. He has fostered it with uncommon care & has brought many of the heads of families to discover some regard to instruction by his weekly meetings with them. The plan now is to bring these children & families into an opposite both political & religious interest by assigning the instructions of the Blacks to the young female communicants of the Tabernacle Church & its appendages & so to find an object for the indiscrete zeal of their converts. Mr. Spaulding tells me that he intends soon to ordain an Elder among the Blacks & that he has a person he judges to be qualified. Mr. Emerson of Boston, lately with me, informs me that he has not been able for the past month to perform the duties of his pulpit. His ambition has been flattered & his anxiety has not a little contributed to reduce his spirits & his constitution. He is to travel this season. In Salem, the Printing of Texts upon public occasions in the town adopted. To remember the Texts is often all that is required.

16. The probate of the Will of Mrs. Norris has been put off from this day till next month. The plea was that the Supreme Court was now in Ipswich & the G[entlemen] of the law there.

17. Weather pleasant. Afternoon on the Neck. Our political speculators in Boston have many of them empty pockets. Their buildings, lands & funds are not productive as they wished & the irritability is beyond all bounds, & will be impatient till it is betrayed into the greatest enormities & public crimes. It does require great firmness to resist such a tendency of things.

18. The Burbanks, young carpenters & Traders on the Lines of Maine during the Embargo, have disappeared. They have incurred great debts and are the second time embarrassed. One of them married the d. of Neighbour Webb. Such was the full tide of wealth during the war in Europe that very few have not outstepped the bounds of a just trade & the independence of their property.

20. Gov. Gerry was at Marblehead yesterday. It is not a pleasant thing for any Gentleman attached to our administration as he is sure to be insulted at least in the Gazettes & all his visits exposed & his company ridiculed. No regard is paid to decency to please the Boston folks in these things. Capt. Ranie's son informed me a salute was fired at fort Sewall, Marblehead. Capt. Nowell with us from New Hampshire, an old Continental.

21. Sunday. Notes. Gorge Hodges & wife, d. of her Father Joshua Phippen, æt. 70, & for their brethren at sea. Mary Babbidge, d. of her Father J. Phippen, & pr. for her Husband absent, Capt. B. B. long in a missing vessel, brethren at sea. Lois Phippen, d. of her father in law, Husb. & brethren absent, wife of Joseph. Anna Phippen, d. of her Father in Law, pr. brethren at sea, Widow of Nath. A Mr. Sewall, son to Judge Sewall of Marblehead, has been preaching at Scituate in the house in which Mr. Wheeler officiated in the English Episcopal Communion. He has been invited to settle but being perplexed with scruples in the Trinity he has offered his objections to the people assembled from some disaffections at this house. Whether he change the service or whatever measures he may adopt, the struggle will assist the Unitarian doctrine & thus rid the world of one disgraceful controversy which has humbled it. Judge Sewall blames the scruples of his Son, says Mr. Bowen. The Will of Mrs. Norris will not be offered at the Probate Court till May. The patrons of it speak highly of its purpose. It is said Dr. Hopkins introduced it. "Madam, like Hezekiah, are you prepared to put your house in order before you die." The name fixes to him.

22. Mr. Nowell of Milford, with his friends, dined & spent the day with me. He is abundant in anecdote & loves to hear all the ministers & about educated enough to hold the form of sound words.

23. Repeated failures among the Tradesmen turned Merchants. They could sail down the Ohio without steering but lost when they entered the Ocean. A Joseph Harthorne, a young sadler, & now late a Merchant. In the town of Salem the Republicans are the middle class & the Federalists in wealth, the top & bottom. Unresisted they carried the Health Committæ. The Republicans not venturing upon hand votes, not being easily assembled at a point of time, as in such cases provided.

24. Walked from Salem to the farms back of the town of Marblehead. After passing the lower bridge forest river I kept the shore till I reached the first angle of the shore & then passed on the side of a swamp easterly to the Thrognorton houses now the first of the Three farms of Judge Sewall. Then passing the farm house leaving the foot path on the right going to Newtown, so called, I passed northerly to the road which touches the head of Thrognorton cove & then passed easterly to the farmhouse on the hill. Seeing then the course to the town which was not yet in view, I went northward of the house till I saw the farm. Upon my return I took a direct course for the head of the Cove & then ascending a hill & passed through a hollow to the shore which I kept till I reached the road at the Bridge on the road to Salem. I found this path narrowed by the rocks but most pleasant. My design was to explore all the paths for an intended walk to Marblehead. I found the farmhouses out of repair & at Thrognorton the tenant has just taken possession but there was nothing in the appearances of the families which was beyond the poverty of the buildings. It is said Judge Sewall, from the state of his affairs, is disposed to sell these farms.

25. This day dined upon the first Salmon brought to Salem this season. It was taken in the Merrimac yesterday at sundown & was delivered to Dr. Stearns at sunrise in Salem. Col. Pickman & Revd. Dr. Prince were with us at table. James S. entertained us with the beer from his Brewery & the entertainment was sumptuous.

This day by activity our Rep[ublican] friends saved one of their number from a presentment to the Grand jury for double voting. The persons concerned in this affair have betrayed the worst malignity. The Grand Jury by timely interference did not find a bill 9 to 3 on the question.

27. Great activity in preparing for the Elections. An Opposition Circular directs all the methods of combining & of collecting their forces by subdivisions which put the smallest movements under the eye of the party & every man's feelings within the observation of his neighbours. We never were so organised.

28. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Silsbee & wife, d. of her Brother John Reed abroad at sea, & pr. for Sons at Sea. J. Reed married a Fairfield. Sara Hill & children, d. of her Sister Foye alias Wid. Ledbetter, she a Collins, & pr. for son at Sea. Mrs. Foye had been seperated from her brutal husband.

May 1 [1811]. Agreed with some friends of Revd. Bowers to walk to Marblehead this May Morning. We passed at sunrise by the Thrognorton farm towards the Powder House & before we realized it turned in at the bend of the road into the street leading to the parsonage house. We were entertained at Mr. Bowers house & the Misses Wilson gave us their company. I made sev-

eral visits to my friends & found the political history of Marblehead perplexed with the jealousies which had been excited among our Republican friends. In the evening we returned by the Road.

2. Mr. Pickering has begun again his course of Letters. He is now upon the author of the Declaration of Independence. He denies that Mr. Jefferson was even the draftsman & to prove his assertions he brings a letter from Mr. Jefferson in which the claim is justified. A Detachment from the regular troops in this vicinity is ordered to join other troops at Boston under Col. Boyd, & they are to pass to Philadelphia by water, under Convoy of the Constitution & then to proceed to the Ohio. Col. Symmonds passed the falls with 400 men, 4 April. Lieut. Larabee goes with them.

3. In Marblehead, the same game is pursued as in Salem. To divide the School Committee to put out old members of the respective boards & to excite such jealousies as I find here embittered their tempers. Capt. Ranie of the troops stationed in this County says that he was asked for ten men by Col. Boyd for the southern station. He thought none would be willing to go. Upon making the proposition there was such a competition for the honours that he had been obliged to withdraw it altogether till he was ordered. All wished the service.

5. Sunday. Note. Richard Trevitt & wife for him sick. The death of Revd. Joseph Eckley in Boston, last Wednesday, was sudden to me as I had not heard of his illness. He was educated at Princeton, N. J., classmate with V[ice] P[resident] Burr, & came to Boston after the Siege while I was a Schoolmaster & I often heard him from the pulpit of the Chapel Church while the Old South was under repairs, as it had been greatly injured by the British troops. He was then mystical & dwelt much on the prophecies & particularly the coming of the Jews. He had not a commanding person, voice, or accent, but his piety was esteemed undisssembled. He was not much called for on public occasions & in the latter part of life, after he married the D. of Deacon Jeffries with whom he lived long a batchelor, he became quite tenacious of property & more active than the ministers of the town of Boston generally have been to gain. So it was that from the largest Society in Boston, the Old South had become the smallest, till to check the growing evil very lately a Mr. Huntington was placed as a Colleague as some of the Agents of the New Park Church were from this Congregation. Dr. Eckley was not without a sense of his difficulties & the loss of some of the members of his Church afflicted him. He had his jealousies & too often imputed to heresys which might have another cause. He was ordained in 1779 & was in the ministry 32 years.

My old friend Revd. Joseph Roberts, æt. 91, died lately at Weston. He was born in my neighbourhood in Boston & his father

& family were known to me. He settled at Leicester, Worcester C., Mass. & upon some difficulties left the ministry. In consequence of his bonds for his Brother in Law Capt. Howe, under pretence of fraud he & his refused to pay. His Brother could not & died in the Goal at Concord. Mr. Roberts lay a long time confined in the Goal at Cambridge in which I repeatedly visited him. He at length paid his bonds & was discharged. It was believed to have been a fraudulent affair of his creditors in a contract for land with Capt. Howe. He has lived an unmarried life at Weston & quite retired, but blameless, & has died possessed of a good estate. His manners were singular rather than perverse & he was not behind his Brethren in his professional knowledge or talents. He was too rich for a poor salary.

On Tuesday last, Bishop Cheverus for the first time since his Consecration & for the first time that a Catholic Bishop read mass, confirmed, baptised, & performed other duties of the high Office of a Bishop. He went to the Eastward & was with us in Salem & preached to a few Catholics at Mr. Campbell's in Daniel's street below Derby street. The Bishop visited me at both times. On Tuesday, I heard his address & it was happy. It was not upon their arguments they were to vindicate the ceremonies or doctrines & to oppose the prejudices & jealousies of their rituals, but by their character to destroy all fear. There has appeared an Address of the American Bishops of the Catholic Church to the Bps. of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The whole is a political affair which is not in favour of the discretion in the use of that indulgence granted to them in the United States. It principally regards the duty to the Pope while under French sovereignty but it ultimately is an artifice of the British Government to quiet the Catholics in Ireland & to extend British influence. We have seen these arts even in Salem. We lost our Town Clerk because the sects were told he had been indiscrete in the use of his influence against them. The same in Marblehead. The School Committee was arranged anew & increased because a Baptist Teacher was a Schoolmaster and all his friends are opposed to the ruling party of the Town. So in Connecticut, the late Gov. Treadwell has the support of the established Clergy. The Rep. & all the other sects unite to oppose him & these Fed[eralist]s will give him up to support their religious sects. We do not require more important public or local proofs.

Mr. [John] Bartlet who preaches at the Poor House in Boston, has an Invitation to be settled at New Meeting House in Marblehead, the same built for President Holyoke & in which Mr. Bradstreet succeeded him. I am sorry to find that Mr. Bowers at St. Michaels has a very slender support. He has only 500 D. & that raised by subscription from a few hearers, some subscribing 60,

50, &c. dollars. They have no music & despair of holding out much longer. In Marblehead, the English Church was never able to maintain itself. Since the revolution, Mr. Oliver & Harris were obliged to leave them. Mr. Bowers has lately published a Sermon at Scituate on religious melancholy which proves his talents. At St. Andrews, Scituate, since the death of Mr. Wheeler, a Son of Judge Sewall of Marblehead has preached, but vexed with some scruples about the Trinity, instead of bold declaration of his terms he proposed his doubts & kept them so long in suspense that they lost respect & refused to make any other proposal to him, so he left. In noticing Dr. Cheverus it should be remembered that Bp. Garret, now Arch Bishop, æt. 74, once passed through Salem, tho' he performed no religious service publicly in it.

7. General review under the respective officers of each company. Appearance not inferior. Our Artillery excellent. Our Horse has a good uniform, not the best mounted or exercised. The day was the best we have had for the year. For the first time it was pleasant with open windows & the sky bright with a few small white clouds. Nothing happened to interrupt the pleasures of the whole day.

8. The Great Gen. Derby has been for abatement of taxes & was abated 20 dollars. So also the Great Col. Archer who by the Trustees is adjudged able to pay 26 pr. Cent. Jeduthan Upton too, the Meeting House Builder, has called for abatement. In the tide of prosperity when everybody went upon the full stream, no care was taken. A change of times has been instantly fatal to thoughtless adventurers of whom we have had a greater store at the present than at any former time to the injury of the prudent & industrious.

9. Our Cape Ann friends made a noble retreat on the day of election & left the opposition to go off in triumph without resistance. This promises nothing to our republican friends. But they say that they never had better fishing in the bay & it would be the loss of a day from which they could get nothing. Gloucester looked better formerly than they now do & did well under Gibaut.

10. Mr. Bowers health not permitting, I consented to pass over to Marblehead & deliver a Eulogy & to perform a Masonic funeral Service at the interment of the late W. Wilkins, Physician, æt. 46, who was Son in law to Rev. Henry Cummings, D. D. of Billerica, for whom I had the highest respect. At the request of his Brother in Law Cummings, I requested the Minister of the Old Church [Rev. Samuel Dana] by Letter to make the prayer at the Meeting House, but he declined & Dr. Cummings advised that he should pray at the house which Mr. Dana did. From the house the procession moved to the New Meeting House, preceded by a band of Music under Mr. Holyoke of Boxford. After service the

body was entombed near the meeting House & the procession returned & the day & service closed by a fervent prayer by Dr. Cummings, & we returned to the Lodge & closed. Nothing occurred to interrupt the good order of the day. Dr. Wilkins was born in Carlisle, formerly part of Concord, Mass. He studied Physic with Dr. Hurd, tarried several years at Stratham, N. H. & finally came to Marblehead. He married a d. of Dr. Cummings & has left children. He was rising in reputation & was attentive to his profession & studies among which he embraced Chemistry with enthusiasm.

11. Marblehead has published some very spirited resolves respecting the Boston Circulars, denouncing them as rebellion & calling upon the citizens to prevent Civil War & to arm themselves for the exigencies of the State & particularly reprobating the language of the Pulpit against the Administration, particularly the Fast Sermon of one Parish of Byfield, Newbury. In the Salem papers is also a remonstrance against the plan of a Religious Establishment favoured by the Supreme Judicial Court.

12. Sunday. Notes. John Babbidge & wife, d. of his Sister Eliz. Williams & pr. for his Son & her Brother absent, John Babbidge & John Becket, Capt. Elizabeth & Rebecca Williams for their Mother in Law. Mary Babbidge prayers for her Sister in Law Williams, pr. for her son & Brethren at Sea. Wid. Alice Cotton, d. of her Sister in Law Williams, her first H. a Cotton. Mary Collins & Children, d. of her D. in Law Williams & herself sick & children absent. She the mother of Cotton the first Husband. The Marblehead resolves take notice of Parish's flaming Sermon at Newbury, the same man who preached the last Election Sermon. I find the numbers at St. Michaels Church in Marblehead so diminished that the support of public worship in that Communion in that place is very uncertain. The Baptists & Methodists have houses of worship & the Universalists are attempting to embody but at present are few in number. The minister elect at the New Meeting house is offered 1000 D. & 500 D. settlement, named [John] Bartlet & has accepted. In Lynn, another Methodist meeting House is mentioned as that Sect increases.

13. The G. son of my Landlady, æt. 12, was dangerously wounded in our enclosure by the starting of the horse in the Chaise which this youth presumed to check. He was thrown against the fence & the parietal bone fractured. Dr. Holyoke & other Physicians were soon with him. They bled him freely & covered the wound with lint & purged him.

14. A Wid. [Sara] Swaney, d. of Mary Welman who died last Jan., died at 10 this day. For years she had been intemperate. It brought on transient deliriums in her fits of intoxication. She was in this state last night & under various pretences was in bed

when she expired. A few minutes before she was desired to rise. No person was with her when she expired. It was thought she moved a chair to call them.

16. This day with M. B. Fuller, I visited the sources of our Aqueduc, Spring pond, the new Buildings at Lynn Springs, now finishing, Brown's pond & Cottle's grove west of Spring pond & upon my return Kittredge's New Spring at the foot of Barthelmy's rock, half a mile below Shillabers & as much above Butt Brook. I found the Dr. there & he gave me specimens of the Magnesia earth, ochree & metallic substances found near his springs. He has opened three wells & the two lowest are different waters not yet properly analysed. He proposes a bath house at the foot of the rocks & says his shower bath may fall above 20 feet. He has opened a good road to the rocks & is now at work to finish the road at the ascent to the wells. These wells promise more powerful mineral water than that at Spring pond.

17. As great an Election struggle as we have yet seen. The expectation had been long, the means endless, & the exertion the utmost. The Republican Caucus last evening gave new hopes from the many who attended. In the morning of this day the Republicans were assembled. The poll was open till sundown. The Selectmen were firm & no disorders took place. At the close the Republicans found that they had carried the whole list handsomely, their ticket having 12 candidates who were all chosen.

18. John Webb, who died yesterday, was born 1732 & was in his 75 year. He was the youngest son of our Deacon [Jonathan] Webb & is the last of the Children of our Deacons who were in our Church from the beginning. Three sons Jonathan, Stephen & John have died since I have been in Salem & Samuel just before I came & they all have posterity living in Salem. John has left several sons & Daughters. He was a man of great prejudices & severity of language, but in his general deportment inactive & inoffensive. Nature had done more for him than he had done for himself.

19. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Sarah Leach & children, d. of her brother William Trask of Beverly, æt. 76, in the upper parish bet. the Meeting H. & Danvers. Wid. Mary Hutchinson & children, d. of her Br. Trask, pr. for g. son at sea. Wid. Mary Dean, d. of her Sister Swaney, pr. for friends at sea. Wid. Sara Welman & children, d. of Sister in law Swaney, pr. for sons absent. I have not yet seen the notice of the d. of Mr. Emerson. He was a pleasing speaker but more so at Harvard in his first charge than at Boston. He had the affections of his people in a great degree. He was not formed to admit the preference which younger men & new things can create. But he deserved to be respected. Mr. Worcester of the Tabernacle, has entered the List again with the

Universalists. He has been engaged for the Disciplinarians against the Church of Fitchburg. He has been a combatant with the Universalists & Baptists & now their pamphlets are dead he is against those who hold no punishment at all & he deprecates the existence of a society in Salem who hold no punishment at all. Whether they say so or not, for they probably do not know what they say, he has marked his discourse with the greatest virulence which can disgrace humanity in attacking men of good lives & conversation. It is true that the question of religious liberty has been as now as ever accompanied with licentiousness of opinion. One man, as often heated by liquor as by imagination, as impudent as he is ignorant & as false as he is presumptuous, told me that he belonged to a company of 104 who were against all religion. My thoughts of the man prevented any enquiry what truth there was in his assertions, but a thousand such men would corrupt the world but not convert one man to any opinion. Worcester says his arm shall perish from the socket before he will give the hand of Communion to the Universalists of the town whom he basely implicates, and we are told that Mr. Hopkins' colleague, Emerson, says he had rather see Atheists, Deists, &c. in Salem than Christians of that name. These things tend not to get Christianity friends but to deprave the public mind with the worst prejudices & greatest immoralities.

21. This day issued the hearing in the Probate Court of the witnesses respecting Mrs. Norris' will & the Judge passed it & an appeal was entered to the Supreme Court. Mr. John Pickering, the attorney who wrote the will, believed her sound & was one of the witnesses. Dr. Holyoke, from the nature of her disease, thought otherwise. The different witnesses favoured each opinion & the subject is left with able Council among which is Otis for [and] S. Dexter against the will for future investigation. Some questions arise if the Institution at Andover hold their 30 th. D., whether the other Missionary Society will hold their 30, from the imperfect manner in which it is designated. We shall see.

22. Day for ordination of Mr. [John] Bartlet at New Meeting in Marblehead, successor to Story & May, who followed Bradstreet & Holyoke, afterwards President of the College. Rev. Holmes of Cambridge, the Sermon, Wadsworth of Danvers, Charge, & Dana of Marblehead, the fellowship. We had a partial display of the Militia in Salem & a Town Meeting upon our internal affairs. The sum to be raised, petitions to be heard. A drain in Bickford street has the consent of the town. Burying point lots, their bounds & such things. Several affrays in consequence of political & military elections.

23. Elder Beckford & John Pickering from the first Church, waited upon me for the first Church Book which Mr. Fiske gave

in charge never to return, & to save from destruction I received from his Son General Fiske in trust. Mr. Putnam appeared in behalf of the heirs & declared that they all heard the Gen[eral] declare that at his death he wished the Book to be given to the Church. The cause of detention was from an action of fraud in the Book. My Elder Ward knew the whole matter as he received the Book to bring it to Pastor Fiske after it had been copied* for the use of the Old Church & as he heard the Gen.'s Charges to me which he never recalled. As this matter is moved just at the time of our public elections to make trouble, without advice I sent the Book to Mr. Putnam thus directed on the paper in which it was wrapped "To Ebenezer Putnam Esqr. one of the heirs of Gen. Fiske at his request." I afterwards told Elder Ward what I had done & he in all circumstances approved it. It seems said John Pickering, son of the famous Timothy, went to Mr. Ward to prejudice him in the business but happily he knew all from the beginning & the matter soon became known in the town. My letter to their Pastor Prince was also read in the Church meeting. The Pastor is merely held in existence from pity, for should Dr. Barnard forsake him he must fall & as he has had large deductions from his charge, he wished to get some of my friends by some new & bare insinuations.

24. Much virulence in the Gazette from Pickering's heirs & an enraged party. I am charged with writing against Parish. I know the man too well ever to have read any thing from him.

25. Saw from the Neck a conflict with the Mackerel & their enemies or rather their violent efforts to escape. The propoise & other fish obliged them to leap from the water & hundreds of Gulls were in the air ready to take them. As soon as the fish ceased to leap the gulls rested on the water & whenever they appeared they rose as an host to pursue them.

26. Sunday. Notes. Judith Webb & children, d. of her Husband, John Webb, æt. 79, & last of the Sons of the Deacons of the Parish Church. Notice was taken of the Office, longevity, & prosperity of their families in the Sermon delivered on the occasion from Ezra 8. 13 last Sun[day]. Mr. John Webb was the father of many promising sons. He was severe in his language when he pleased to whet his shafts & was feared on that account. He was a man of more excitability than activity. He could be irritated but not roused to action. His branch of the family was the only one that in the third generation was not fanatical. Jonathan's Sons lead the Baptists of the first Chap[el]. Stephen, Benjamin & Micah, & Stephen's Daughters the Free Baptists of the lower chap[el]. Mary, Hannah & Deborah who married Mur-

*The original volume of records is now in possession of the First Church, while the copy is preserved by the Essex Institute.

ray, Patterson & Kinsman. More brawly creatures never existed. John's sons, Benjamin, William, &c. are with us & are like the man whose place they fill in our congregation. Wid. Elizabeth Twiss, d. of her Sister Bethiah Pitman, æt. 71. She lives upon the Neck farm & lived there when Richard Derby Esq. purchased it of Capt. Ives & under John Derby & now with her daughter Brown, who has lived under Capt. Allen who dismissed Perkins. The farm is at present held by E. Allen the younger's conveyance to Capt. Josiah Orne, his Brother in Law, & offered for sale. I have as yet seen nothing respecting the lately deceased ministers of Boston, Dr. Eckley & Mr. Emerson, excepting their great funeral processions. Neither of them will be known as the successors of Willard & Cotton & the other worthies of their Churches.

At the Marblehead ordination no Salem minister officiated. The demand of the Church Book just at the present time is a mean effort of a party to disturb the public mind or to intimidate. My Letter to the Pastor in which I declined the delivery of a trust was read in the First Church with such effect as was wished. We may be cautious where we may not be vindictive. Proper notice was taken of this event in the pulpit in the history of the transaction which withheld the Book. When Mr. Fiske claimed provision for the Lecture & it was interrupted, Mr. Staunton of the Second Church, was advised to open a Lecture & profit from the contention. Mr. S. dispised a mean thing, but the Great men of the first Church used all their influence with his friends & made them unwarily consent. The perplexity was thought to prepare for that fever in which this worthy young man ended his days. The old Church after Mr. Jackson's refusal, introduced Jennison & Curwin lent him his father's sermons as his Letters in my hands shew, and Mr. Diman was first a Candidate in the old Church & it was said he would do well enough for the Second. Such Salem, & from the men of this generation it received its ill fame for inhospitality in one of the worst quarrels, whether a Lecture should invite strangers & the minister be left at the expence to feed them. This is the origin of Salem Table Draw stories freely circulated. It is suggested that the Article in Mrs. Norris' will of 30 th. for Miss[ionary] Society will fail as no such Society has been incorporated & is known to the laws & therefore cannot have the trust. Every effort is made to turn the current of opinion respecting the will. And we have another proof that these waters are indeed turned whither so ever men will, & easily also.

28. It is not for endurance to challenge the strength of Salem. What is to be done by the Opposition is by strength & artifice. The disputes continue in the Gazettes from the irritation lately occasioned. Elias H. Derby has sold the Contents of his Green

house. The Athenaeum contemplate to purchase his Library & he has removed to Ten Hills, Temple farm, Charlestown. It is expected the superb mansion will be for sale & be converted into an Hotel or Boarding House. Mr. Grey's House still remains unoccupied unless by his servants. William Ward & Samuel Gray are gone to Medford, kindred of Mr. Gray.

29. Election Day. Showers in the morning & then a fine day. Dr. Eliot gave me an hour in the Boston Athenaeum & I spent two tedious hours in waiting for the services in the Meeting House. I could not, as I was placed, enjoy Mr. Thomas Thacher's Sermon tho' I was very well disposed to do it. The stage was returning for Salem when the services ended so that I got no refreshment until my return to Lynn. I passed the day upon the whole agreeably. A black man [Thomas More] found at Beverly bar. He was delirious & fled naked from his home & it is supposed fell from Beverly bridge, &c.

30. On the Neck at night a party of men from the Misery struck Half tide rock. McCullock,* a laboring man, attempted to reach the shore of Winter Island & was drowned. It is supposed that he was entangled in the sea grass. He went ashore with a line fastened to the boat & a spar.

June 1 [1811]. Last night during the whole night were appearances of fire on the horizon which were this morning explained. A fire began about sun down & the wind being fresh in the S.W. the flames were carried from the spot at which the fire began back of the Gen. Wolfe tavern in State street [Newburyport] to the river & swept away all the buildings in its course till it reached the River. The destruction is the greatest ever known in the County, & perhaps in the United States in proportion to the population. We may expect a particular account of this most distressing event. Such were the sufferings of Newbury Port.

2. Sunday. Note. Wid. Grace Hampton, sick of a fever, æt. 82. The friends of the present administration have expressed their gratitude to Mr. Thatcher for the wisdom he discovered in his Election Sermon. The republican papers have been filled with his praise & we are told the Senate has ordered two thousand copies. Mr. Buckminster told me that my Class mate Revd. Homer of Newton, visited the dying Mr. Emerson to dissuade him from his Unitarian doctrines, but Mr. Emerson told him they had given him pleasure while living & they were not without full consolation in his death. He remained calm & not at all alarmed by the attacks made upon him. In his last interview with me he told me he wished to establish a free intercourse with Unitarians for the benefit of his pulpit. Dr. E. thinks if he had not all the affections which Mr. Clarke received, he had

*Daniel Conex.—Salem Gazette.

warmer personal friends. And if he had not all the talents of Dr. Clarke he had more sincerity. We learn that the New Brick Baptist Meeting House was burnt in the late fire at Newburyport, with much property lodged in it.

3. We have the account of the Newbury Port Fire. It began on Friday evening at half past 9 in the rear of the Wolfe Tavern, seized the two brick buildings called Blount's & the Phoenix Office, passed to State Street, then on north side of State Street into Essex Street down to the River, & then from the ferry wharf to Marquand's wharf. The Brick Baptist Meeting was burnt. The number of buildings supposed to be 250, & the property worth one million. About 75 families are burnt out. A list of Sufferers has been given. They acknowledge the assistance of all their neighbours among whom they reckon Salem, & say "The people of Salem rendered us the most active & necessary assistance in guarding our lives & property in the night succeeding the destruction when we were exhausted by trouble & fatigue."

5. Visited Gatchell's Swamp just beyond Gardner's mills on the way to Throgmorton. It still remains of considerable extent & tho' without trees [is] filled with bushes & quite neglected. It still remains in the name of the heirs of the Deacon. Mrs. Collins, who was a Morgan, says she was born on what is now the site of Pickman's farm while it belonged to Gerrish, 66 years ago. It was purchased by the Elder Col. Pickman & now remains with his Son, much enlarged & in the best order. Hearsey Derby has the Brown farm more decorated with gardens & exotics, but Col. Pickman is an excellent example of our best agriculture & pasturage. Mr. Flagg, who is now furnishing a very handsome house fronting the road above Derby's, says he was born on the Pickman farm. It was, when I knew it, in the hands of Boynton, now of Mr. Upton. This year for the first time Mr. Flag in his gondola carried his horse plow upon the Jiggle's Island laying opposite Throgmorton. He hoed last year & the neighbours say for the first time the soil on this rock [was] ploughed. It has not one quarter of an acre. The hoeing gave 19 bushels of potatoes.

6. Had my first dinner of Salmon on my own table. A roast pig gave apparent content to some of my friends. Salmon from Kennebec. The Town of Salem had a meeting on the subject of aid to Newbury Port in the late fire. Sympathy was never more powerfully awakened in Massachusetts. A Committee chosen, two from each religious Society in Salem.

8. Walter Bartlet, first a fanatic & then a lunatic, Brother in law to Norris & one of his heirs, attempted to hang himself. He charges it all to the Devil who is a great enemy to him & would hang him if he could. He was found yesterday hanging to the bed post by the Nurse, who cut him down.

9. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Lambert & wife & Children, d. of her Mother & Sister, & for friends at Sea. Her Mother the Widow Abigail Obear, æt. 75. She had been a Widow for 38 years & was of the Archer family. The Sister was Joanna Greenleaf, daughter of Abigail Obear, Widow, æt. 54, living with her Son in Salem. In the days of her husband she lived in Newbury Port. Wid. Sara Knight, wid. of Benj., pr. death of her Sister Obear, & Wid. Greenleaf, pr. for her friends at sea. She has no children or descendants. Joseph Webb & wife, d. of his Brother in Law John Symonds, æt. 50, pr. for a child sick. Mr. S. lived in North fields & is one of the descendants of the old L. Gov. Symonds of 1674 to 1678, Samuel Symonds, L. G. Lydia Ward, wife Richard, delivery, Husband absent.

14. In Salem great Care has been taken to discourage the Use of Segars in the Streets & public Buildings. The worthy Dr. Holyoke put himself at the head of this Committee which consists of 36 members & who as Inspectors have obliged themselves to give all their influence to execute the Bye Law on the subject. The excess had become extreme & the danger was very great from the careless use of fire in every situation. The Committee one of the best ever employed upon such a concern.

15. The Energies for the relief of Newbury Port, promise much honour to the Town. The Committee has acted with spirit & exemplary diligence. Letters are also written to the ministers to solicit Contributions in all the Religious Societies. We have this week lost the Hero of Derne,* Gen. William Eaton of Brimfield. I knew this man & was an admirer of his courage, but impatient of honour he was enslaved to his intemperance. His person was small & his appearance unpromising, but his conversation spoke his fire & proved the soul in him. I never could hear a dispassionate statement of his dispute with [Tobias] Lear whom as my pupil I loved, but can conceive that Gen. Eaton, who had no foe to meet him in the fields, could find one out of it. I still lament a brave man whenever he falls, æt. 48. My old friend Cordis, Merchant of Charlestown, lately of Reading, threw himself into the Charles to get rid of his affairs & was taken at the bottom of Boston Common. I am afraid that it was preceeded by some indiscretions.

16. Sunday. Notes. Mary Berry with her children, d. of her Husband, Capt. John Berry, and prayers for one son at sea. Widow Mary Berry, she a Browne, d. of her only Son & Child.

17. Day of Bunker Hill. We had our Regimental Muster. The Horse were out in the morning. The two companies of Infantry with the Artillery were on parade with the regiment. We had a fine day but I have seen better military arrangements in Salem.

*In Tunis. The engagement occurred during the Tripolitan War.

18. Rev. James Bowers of Marblehead spent the day with me. He is lately from the Episcopal Convention in New Haven. We continue to have a good account of the Newbury [Port] subscription. We look towards 10,000 Dollars in Salem. Mr. Derby has advertised his Library in the public prints. It is a short time in which this heir has dissipated his estate.

20. As Dr. Holyoke is the most interesting character of my own times in Salem, from his professional reputation & unspotted character & the warm affections of all our citizens, I endeavoured to interest him in my enquiries respecting Salem & he gave me assurances highly flattering that he would give the subject all his attention. He is far above 80 & still active in his profession.

22. Last night we had an alarm of fire from the Ropewalk at the bottom of East street, held by some young men not of the first reputation. It was burnt down. Whatever was the cause it is ridding the neighbours of a nuisance. The wind small but the houses in Essex street were in danger from the flakes but no damage was sustained & the walk was mortgaged to many persons who had not the best hopes of pay. The ropewalk was a cluster of hovels at different times put together.

23. Sunday. Notes. Mary Wilson & Sister, d. of Mother Mary Collins, æt. 79, pr. for their husbands at Sea. Wid. Alice Collins, d. of Mother in Law Collins, pr. Son at Sea. Mr. W. Allen from the farm & Mr. W. Taylor dined with me.

24. We learn that the amount of the sum raised in Salem to assist the sufferers of Newbury Port is Ten Thousand Dollars, besides many articles of furniture supplied from the citizens & sent to the sufferers. We are not a little proud of this effort which does honor to the town of Salem.

25. The delay of Rev. J. Bowers of Marblehead, put it out of my power to be present at the cel[eb]ration in Charlestown yesterday. The arrangement pleased me, but it is wrong in our pleasures to link ourselves too strongly to men of different habits from our own.

26. Salem witnessed a new Sight. We had been told that a multitude of ministers were to be in town this day & to parade at the Tabernacle. The Minister of that Congregation had joined the Salem association & had instructed the Association to visit the Northern association, or as he recorded it, to unite with them. This is part of [the] Connecticut Consociation plan. In consequence, the invitations were extended far & wide to men of a certain description. Many attended, how many I do not yet learn, nor what they did. No man's curiosity has induced him to make any report to me and as these men are to tarry several days we may not learn their business or their transactions till the scene closes. We can only say it was a novelty, but I know not the spectators or the gratifications.

28. This day very unexpectedly I lost my Printer, Mr. [Haven] Poole. I took tea with him last Sunday with Mr. Allen & Taylor of Boston, without complaint. He was united with Palfrey in the Salem Register office and was the Outdoor Man of the Firm as Palfrey was the indoor man & the more attentive operator. Mr. Poole died in a very similar manner with that of Mr. Carleton his predecessor & not improbably from the same cause. Living high & exercising little, as no doubt can be left of Mr. Poole's Free Living. Mr. Carleton died 24 July 1805, of an inflammatory fever. His indisposition appeared & was preceded with some delinquencies, but about 18 hours before his death he was seized with a most violent derangement from which he never recovered. Mr. Poole was first seized in strong convulsions which continued from Thursday evening to the afternoon of this day & he died within a month & in six years after the death of his Patron & friend. Six years for him I have assisted his newspaper & little besides it he has printed so that he can have acquired but little property. I found Mr. Poole a Mechanic only, of a good family in Reading, & of good powers, of an obliging temper & of correct life excepting his own habits at the Sun, the same place which my good friend Carleton visited too often for his hopes. Perhaps had the energies of domestic life, for there is no impeachment of its virtues, been greater, Mr. P[oo]le might have been saved. We can only say the Republicans have lost a man that served them faithfully. Haven Poole was born in Wood End Parish of Reading, & named after an ingenious minister who was in the place at his birth. He was in the 30th year of his age & left a wife & 3 children.

29. Spent part of this day upon the Endicott farm which I perambulated. The part which lays between the two rivers, the Duck & Crane rivers, is about 300 acres of which about 140 may be assigned to the Sprague farm, 120 to the part yet remaining in the Endicott family & the remainder to Capt. B. Crowninshield, & the houselots upon the Great Road. On the South side of Crane R[iver] at Penders are some good springs as are also to be found under the height where the bason of Crane river ends. The north shores of Duck [river] are more sloping with Creeks, the lands on the Crane are fitter for pastures, on the Duck for mowing grounds. Mr. Sprague has built a new 3 story farm house upon his part & the farm is under great improvements. The Endicott part is leased & the Patents of the Owners supported upon it. The Crowninshield part is supplied with excellent fruit trees & with a very handsome Seat built by Mr. [Nathan] Reed & otherwise in good order. The whole may be said to be in better cultivation than in the past or perhaps in any generation.

30. Sunday. As we were told the Salem Association met on

Wednesday at Mr. Worcester's. His invitations were many to his own Sect & when the usual business of the Old Association was over, the New Assemblage went on in their own way. How far the Old Association may be accountable, their own candor must determine. Suffice it to say, they did not appear as an association after dinner on Wednesday. The Lectures which followed were not in form & the Conferences of the Ministers was a Novelty. They assembled in the Tabernacle on Thursday & in their own way told the state of their Parishes. Many tales are reported. Eventually no great attention was paid to the business & it ended without much noise. It is probable it will furnish a sheet for the Panoplist, a Missionary Magazine, but it attracted little notice in Salem. But as an introduction to something worse it may be feared should it be repeated at a time when fanaticism had not exhausted itself. I have not been able to get the names of the ministers after several enquiries, or of the Lecturers, or most active members. At Hingham, died Revd. Perez Lincoln, lately ordained in Gloucester as Successor to Mr. Forbes, æt. 34. He had been long sick. There was nothing characteristic in the man which I have heard. He died at Hingham upon a visit to that place among his relatives.

July 3 [1811]. All hands busy for the Celebration of 4 July. The Invitation given to the Assemblage in Boston has brought them out with all their parade. The Gov. will be well supported. In Salem we have our separate pleasures. In every section of our County something is done on the occasion. The Republican Ministers of Salem have stronger jealousies than Patriotism. We go from the Universalists to the Branch.

4. The troops at the Fort discharged the State Cannon at Sunrise & the day opened with ringing of Bells. The Rep. procession formed early & proceeded to the Branch & an Oration was delivered by Mr. [David] Cummings, a young Gentleman of the Law. The Cadets, who were the escort, dined on the floor of the Court house with our Municipal Officers upon a good dinner prepared at the Ship [Tavern] by Mr. Ward. The day was filled with festivity & closed without disgrace or injury. I have not learned how the opposition moved. The extreme heat seemed to endanger the citizens but we had no riots & a quiet evening found all at home.

5. The heat increasing. It was 100° & upwards upon Far. in open air & 90° in my bed chamber at 11 at night. No accident happened from this unusual weather. News has reached us that the Belisarius, a rich Vessel from this port belonging to the Crown-inshields, after finishing her voyage in a Port of France has been taken & carried into a port of England for violation of the British Orders. We do find the way into French ports but the

English say not out of them in safety. How long are we to submit to such outrages?

7. Sunday. Notes. Mary Poole & children, d. of her Husband & their Father. Ann Poole & son, d. of her Son & his brother. Warwick Palfrey 2d, d. of his B. in Law Poole & Partner in business. I learn from Mr. Spaulding that the number of ministers in Salem was 80. That they came by delegation from Associations. That the noted Taggart of Colraine was Moderator. That it is part of a great plan of Consociation upon the principles of Connecticut. It was his opinion that not above 30 Mass. Cong. Ministers would openly dissent & that the Churches under these moulders in Conn. [would] be eventually swallowed up upon the death of the present incumbents. For the outline this man may be correct. He says it was proposed to avow their design, but it was deemed unnecessary in the present state of the business. It is undoubtedly connected with the Andover establishment. A Daughter of Revd. Giles,* an intelligent girl, tells me that her Father, tho' rejected as a republican, has been invited to join in a Circular Evening Sunday Lecture, & he has consented & that he is united with the ministers. That he has been invited to attend with the School Committee & during his late illness the Ministers provided for his pulpit. Mr. Giles is orthodox quite. Among all the donations to Newbury Port, the Shakers stand the most prominent. Without invitation of their own accord they went to Newbury with whole Loads of their manufactures, refusing to sell the smallest articles to any who inclined to purchase. Our 10 th. Dollars was not in proportion to their bounty. A [Jonathan] Waldo, one of the Salem Committee, insisted that 400 D. for the Baptist Meeting in N. Port should be united to the Salem Charity. The Committee remonstrated against any appropriations in a General Charity. Said Waldo has published his view of the matter. We have as little success in picking Committees as any of our neighbours & one foolish fellow will always find admission.

Last week, for the first time, the New Association of Salem called The Union, met in Salem in the South Meeting House. It is said to embrace the Ministers of that Society, Hopkins & Emerson & to have received Emerson of Beverly, Walker of Danvers & such like. It is said Dr. Morse is to join it & to leave the Boston Association. So the Inflammatory party intend to get strength in Essex. The Boston Association are firm against the projects of this party. We have no strength in the Cong. Churches to oppose them. We have Baptists in Salem, Marblehead, Ipswich, & Newbury Port & Danvers. We have Methodists in Lynn & Marblehead. We have Universalists in Salem & Gloucester. We fear

*Rev. John Giles of Newburyport.

our Good Dr. Bernard is not enough aware as he has been seen in the Association when his influence ought to be powerfully another way. The Alarm is so great among the feeble, that Witchcraft was never more powerful upon the imaginations of 1692. And this is the time to give success to the friends of superstition in our Country. The illuminati tales are not told but combinations are hinted at as formed already against Christianity.

8. Mr. Mussey & Miss Lincoln with us from Hingham. Spent an hour with Commodore Tingey from Washington. He was at the 4 July on Bunker Hill. He is a good person, fond of conversation & agreeable. He bears the mark of a good & brave Officer & his manners not disagreeably have the style of the best Officers I have known. I was introduced by Col. Lee & we may expect him again upon his return from his Tour eastwardly into Maine.

9. With pleasure we welcomed a shower after one of the hottest & driest spells of weather that I ever knew. Many deaths have been attributed to the heat.

11. Many examples of suffering by the great heat, but excepting in drowning, & violent exercise, & free drinking, never greater health to be observed among all classes of our Citizens. The Enemy reflect that at our celebration we were obliged to fill the Corps of Cadets from our own ranks as the malevolence was so great as to oblige some of the soldiers to quit their ranks on the occasion. Party vengeance need not be more malignant.

13. Attended the funeral of a Child of one King, Confectioner.

14. Sunday. We are told that the rivalry of the Negro schools is not well supported. That Mr. Spaulding still holds that ground he first took & the attempts of the allied zealots to enter upon his labours have not been with success. Ungenerous arts named Charity. Salem must impute its freedom from the low vices, while it has so many blacks in its population, to the disinterested exertions of this honest man who has done more than us all in real services to humanity.

15. Gave the afternoon of this day upon the Neck to Misses M. Rice & B. Becket, two faithful singers. The heat of the season seems returning. The examples of deaths from indiscretion during the heat were beyond any account ever before given. In N. York, 22 persons suffered & in all our towns so as to make the event memorable.

16. Many abroad on account of the heat in their little parties.

18. New spirits upon the report that the French would restore all property taken since 20 November, & that the alarm from the influence of this measure had reached England & that Vessels taken after that time under the orders of Council had been suspended & condemnation delayed. The very great changes in our Commer-

cial prospects in the North, upon some reports, give us a momentary hope of better times for Commerce.

20. Zerah Colburn, the wonderful Child, has been carried by his Father into the different states & the Father has been blamed for it. It is said an offer was made for the public education of the Youth at Boston, but that it was upon the same conditions for which the father is blamed, that the youth "pay the expence of his education by public exhibitions". It is said Nief's Scholars were equal to him but such an opinion from those who think well of Nief and of the method of Pestalozzi is not convincing.

21. Sunday. Note. Emma Branigan, d. of only Child at Birth. The hasty manner of filling up the Baptist Church has been soon followed by as hasty a method of purifying it. A Deacon Warwick Palfrey has been desired to resign. A zealous sister in law has been put aside for immoralities. They cannot exist without good works. Even the robber has some law with his companions in guilt. Dr. Barnard of Salem told me last week he was not in the association when they agreed to visit, but when they agreed to unite with a General Association he protested, he declared, with several others whom he named, among whom were Dr. Prince of Salem, Mr. Fuller of Gloucester, & Mr. Frothingham of Lynn. That he had conferred with Mr. Worcester on the subject & given his Opinion. He supposes it an attempt to get rid of the Old Annual Convention in which the Gen[eral] Ass[ocia]tion party have not a majority. Whither it will tend he thinks they know not. But as they had a Presbyterian Moderator he thinks it sure that the Congregational Churches will not become Presbyterian. I told him I would join if the Protestants of the Association would separte from the friends of the Innovation. But I have no idea that he is ripe for such a resolution.

23. To give strength to the Republican Interest in Massachusetts, the last Legislature placed several banks into the hands of their friends & among others one in Salem which has completely organised this day under the name of Merchants Bank. The following persons had been chosen Directors, B. W. Crowninshield, Hon. J. Story, J. Winn, Esq., Capt. J. Neal, R. Stone 2d, Capt. J. Ropes, Capt. J. Dodge, Capt. S. White, Capt. J. Devereux. This day B. W. Crowninshield Esqr. was chosen President, & Major John Saunders, Cashier. This is important to Salem.

25. Went with S. B. to Spring Pond. We first visited the Kittedge Springs, N. side of Barthelemy Rocks, but found them weaker from the upper springs, but the road good. No buildings yet. At Spring pond we found them at work on the rotunda over the Spring. The house is finished and a keeper of the house had entered. The Ice House was finished & the out houses & they were preparing places of amusement. A new road through Cot-

tle's now Oliver's farm at the foot of the Grove, had been plowed up & some part finished. This opens a communication with the western road as well as by the turnpike. It passes from the Spring, not by the old route round between the hills but upon the head between the two southern bays of the pond, on the edge of the pond & then enters the old pass after again taking the side of the Pond. It changes the appearance of the place but not blesses it for the friend of nature. The afternoon pleasant & I returned just before a thunder shower.

26. This afternoon on the Neck with Misses E. B. & E. W. We had good fishing & an agreeable afternoon. My young friends were much to be preferred to the Companion of the preceeding day. The places of amusement are so much multiplied that the season is not long enough to give them all one visit. The principal places are at Orne's point at the Villa, at the Hotels of Topsfield & Lynnfield on Newbury Port turnpike, at Spring Pond, at Lynn Hotel on Salem turnpike, at Nahant & Philip's beach, besides as many little places for humble folks to crawl into in all directions.

27. Saw the spot on which the Old Cow house stood from which the river south of Endicott's farm was named. Was informed that Blind hole, so called, in Danvers contained valuable peat meadows. The Cow House stood below the present road on the south side & is a spot of ground projecting into the river & on a small part of its surface contiguous to the shore & more easily guarded & secured. A Mr. Fowler gave the account of it received from his ancestors. Visited Capt. Endicott on his part of the Endicott farm. Was received by Mr. Sprague in his new House built last year upon another part & took tea with Capt. Crowninshield who has another & the southeastern part. The old [pear] tree appeared laden with fruit. The Corn upon the site of the old house which Sprague removed, was the best I ever saw. The whole farm appeared to enjoy a prosperous year & every thing in a most flourishing condition with joyful hopes.

28. Sunday. Notes respecting David Beadle who died in West Indies. Subject to Epilepsy & probably died in a fit of it. Martha Beadle, d. of her children, d. of her husband & their father. Samuel Silsbee & wife, d. of his Son in Law Beadle, pr. for a son at sea. Martha Silsbee, G. Mother, d. of g. son in Law, pr. for g. son at sea. Josiah Beadle, d. of his eldest Brother. Joshua Webb & wife, d. of her Brother Beadle, eldest Brother. Mary Lyons, sick, of the family of Newton.

30. A Letter from Mr. Colvin, one of the Clerks in the Secretary Smith's Office, has a tendency to place that degraded man in a most odious point of view & to prove what infamous menace [is] employed to favour the opposition to the present administration. This man declares that he wrote the letters of Smith & is able, if



CAPT. ADDISON RICHARDSON.
1739-1811.

**From a silhouette owned by Lawrence W.
Jenkins of Salem.**

permitted, to divulge the secret courses of all the late vile conduct of this Smith. Nathaniel Moore, æt. 96, who died this month at Worcester, is said to have lived in that place 95 years & 70 years with same wife, being of the third family that settled in that town. This could not be an interrupted settlement as Madam Hunt who went with Gov. Belcher to fort Dummer says that when she passed Worcester there was but one house & that deserted. This I had from her own lips repeatedly. This visit must have been after 1730, or about 80 years ago.

31. Died this morning in Salem, Capt. Addison Richardson. He was born in Woburn & came early as a Carpenter into Salem & in the Revolution was a Captain in the Continental Army. After his return he lived upon his little interest with economy & temperance & with a firm attachment to the cause and friends of our Revolution, being an uncommon example in the worst of times. He had the highest offices of the public having been a Selectman of Salem many years & repeatedly collector of taxes. I had a more intimate acquaintance with him than I commonly had with men from the inflexible patriotism & sound morals he possessed, tho' he lived at a distant part of the town, sharing in his friendships, visits & pleasures. He has left a third wife, d. of Col. Holden of Princetown, & two sons & one d. by his first wife. His d. is an amiable woman. He had just finished his 72 years when he died. Fanaticism was always near him but never enslaved him. 75 of his name were lately on the list of poles in Woburn. One died within a few years in this State from same family & then above 105 years of age. This afternoon with the Choir of Singers of my society at Crowninshields alias the Endicott farm at Danvers. Were present Mr. Perry, Becket, Hodges, Ropes, Babbidge, Harthorne, & Misses two Becketts, two Babbidges, Hodges, Waters, Rice. We were very kindly entertained. The repairs of the bridge obliged us to take a circuitous route & upon my return I passed through the Endicott farm by the Brick kilns & entered the western road below Hooper's alias Judge Collins & so came by Northfields homewards. I visited the Knowl of Land which has three sides in the water, called Cow House point, now Milking point. It was excellently adapted to the purposes of the first settlers. It is higher than the adjacent land & commands every approach & has a view up & down the river named for it.

August 2 [1811]. Went with Dr. W. Stearns & his family to Lynn Hotel & to Nahant. One Lewis, who kept the house last year, has failed & the proprietors of the Salem turnpike had lost their rent. Dr. Stearns is determined to know the income of this House & has taken its affairs into his own hands for the ensuing year & gave us a dinner at this place. He was present with his wife & four of his children, a Son's wife & G. Child. Miss Nar-

cissa Giles, d. of Rev. Giles of Newbury Port, was among the guests. Two Misses Bartlett from Haverhill, Mr. B. C. 2d and his three sisters. We had an elegant entertainment & in rich variety & after dinner visited Nahant Great Head. Had a pleasant ramble as well as at Lynn near Fuller's mill, & after a rich dish of Tea at the Hotel we returned to Salem about 9 in the evening. Everything was pleasing & without interruption. We took leave of Miss Giles who is to return to Newbury Port. Lynn appears in a flourishing state & several avenues to the plain, on which is the principal settlement, have been opened very lately. One towards the water.

4. Sunday. Note. Judith Larabee, d. of her husband, Br. at sea, pr. Last week was installed Mr. Griffith* at Boston. He came from New Jersey, was professor of Pulpit Eloquence at Andover, but from some cause like Pearson he soon left & continued to preach in Boston. He has no concern with the Enlightened Clergy of that Capital, & was inducted into his new Charge by an Extraordinary Groupe such as Morse of Charleston, Holmes of Cambridge, Homer of Newton, & Greenough of the same place assisted by Huntington of the Old South, Boston. I know all the men but the last & have no respect for their talents. But there is a kind of warfare with talents & the cause is properly supported. Worcester of this town, who has denounced all sects but his own & has printed against them all, was the preacher of the day. He displayed his discipline at Fitchburg & has written against Baptists, Universalists, & Unitarians in his own way. To a Communicant of my Church, a weak woman, he told that her union with our Church was no introduction to his own. She must begin as tho' of no communion to be admitted to his Communion. The Vulgar are embittered by the most cruel of prejudices by the ceaseless artifices of these men who are busy among them. Mr. [Eliab] Stone of Reading Precinct, has published an Half Century Sermon upon completing 50 years in the ministry. He says Mr. Putnam before him & the other ministers of Reading have not any of them exceeded 39 years in the ministry. This Mr. Stone has been a man of great agricultural industry, free from fanaticism but not eminent for talents or literature. Dr. Clarke told me he was surprised to see in his family so great want of the knowledge of the world. He has a son settled at Brookfield, but he has not answered the expectations of a people accustomed to the exercises of a pulpit filled by Dr. Fiske. We have many examples of disappointments after recommendations from friends because kindred were of longer high standing. Talents are not inherited, or rewards of long lived parents.

6. Was with Mr. Joshua Ward & dined with his new Mother

*Rev. Edward Dorr Griffin.

in Law Mrs. Hall from Dorchester. She gives a very curious account of the state of Mr. Codman's society who have decided that as he will not suffer them to hear the men of their choice, are determined that he shall not introduce the men of his own choice. It seems this matter was laid before the General Association at Salem & will end in a Council.

7. Things are hastening to a rupture with England. Our Vessels are condemned taken as coming from France & it is to be feared all our Vessels at Sea will be soon in the same condition. This occasions no small irritation in the public mind, especially among those who correspond with England & hold property from that country. Some talk loudly of war & others against it.

7. In removing some earth from the lands of Philip English, the only man of property disturbed in Salem in 1692, [was found] a piece of a large glass Demijohn on which the name of Philip English was cast in the making the Glass Vessel. This is one among the many proofs that his style of living was the best of his day. The Substance of his house & the rich articles of furniture will prove this, but this was an article of luxury which has nothing corresponding to it in the seventeenth century in Salem. I have seen plate of Winthrop, Leveret & Bradstreet.

8. Mr. Browne at the Neck farm, took in one night in an Eel-pot, at the mouth of Abbot's Cove between Neck head & Winter Island, 56 Eels many of which weighed a pound each. I had four of that size & all of them uncommonly fat. This a good summer fish.

9. My Classmate [Noah] Rice from Marlborough with me. In Salem upon a visit to his son Cole,* a School Master in one of the private schools. A most Shameful account is given of [Nathaniel H.] Wright, the late Printer for the Republicans of Newbury Port. Having been embarrassed, one of his workmen testifies that in his presence said Wright made the destruction in his own Offices which has been related to excite the commiseration of the party he professed to be friends & to raise a contribution upon them. A more vile transaction cannot be imagined.

10. Yesterday died in Salem, Madam Hanna Poynton, æt. 93. She was a Bray & married Capt. Thomas Poynton, an Englishman who acquired before the revolution a handsome property & lived in the best style of his day. He was hospitable & attached to the English Church & was known to all the officers of the Crown. Upon the alarm of war he left America & went to England & died & left his wife in America who held part of his estate at her death. Her niece Sarah Bray married Capt. T. Hale Ives, G. Son of Col. [Robert] Hale who lived upon the Hale estate in Beverly, & with her I had an intimate acquaintance while I preached in Beverly

*Thomas Cole, a stepson and master of the Female school.

in 1781 & 2. She was then a young widow, but disconsolate upon the loss of her husband. She was amiable in all her sorrows. She had three children. Thomas was her only Son & with his Uncle Webb in Boston & at the Grammar School under my care in 1778 & afterwards was a Merchant in Providence & has married into the Brown family & inherits a great fortune by his wife. His two sisters lived with Madam Poynton & were educated by her after the death of the Mother. Charlotte died young & was a worthy & beautiful girl. The other sister Elizabeth married a Mr. Bancroft, educated at Cambridge, & Clerk of the Common Plea Court, & afterwards, from his ill health a Supercargo in our India trade. He died soon after his wife & has left a Son who is yet young & with Thomas Hale Ives of Providence his Uncle. Madam Poynton was a discrete woman, but for several years past has been deprived of her memory & indeed of all knowledge of passing events, but yet has had such share of animal health as to be free from pain & be able to go about the house. Extremely deaf, but imagining herself in situation very different from that in which she lived.

11. Sunday. Note. Anna Phippen, d. of her Sister, Brothers at Sea. Her Sister Hanna, Wife of N. Trunbull, Both Pickets of Beverly, æt. 56.

12. The public attention is drawn to Wright, the Printer of Newburyport who destroyed his own types to get Charity & [Bazillai] Gannett of Maine, who deserted the opposition, got into Congress & into a Court & was guilty of mean frauds. Wright has not yet defended himself & Gannett is in prison. How much greater numbers of knaves have we seen in Salem elected in the opposition than in the republican ranks & yet there are knaves enough in our country everywhere.

14. Rode to Nahant but found Breed's house full & returned to Phillips & spent the day with H. C[rowninshield] & R. B. We had good success in fishing & kind entertainment in the house. It was the first time in my life that I could not find a place at Breed's. The Road through Councillor Burrels farm is now unbridled & pleasant excepting in the sand heaps in passing the beaches.

15. Had an outline of our history in the East Parish. Father Christopher Babbidge, who gave the land for the Meeting House, was born in Salem. His Son John married Susanna Becket. His daughters Osgood & Lambert & Hitty, the only one known to me, lived single. Capt. Carlton, with whose daughter I board, carried Richard Derby, who was father of E[lias] H[asket] & who married Widow Hearsy, to sea with him as boy, seaman & mate. Christopher Babbidge the son, had a daughter by a daughter of John Crowninshield, now wife of Capt. R. Stone, and a Son of

said John C. married a D. of Capt. S. Carlton. And a Son E. H. D[erby, Son] of Capt. R. D[erby], married a d. of John Crowninshield, & George, a son of John C. married a d. of said Richard Derby. Thus are interlocked the Carleton's, Derbys & Crowninshields & Babbidges. Mr. Derby has a son still living in Boston. Capt. John Crowninshield, a Son & D. living in Salem, & Capt. Carleton, a d. with whom I live & all far above 70 years of age & some approaching to fourscore years. This part of their domestic history is useful to me.

16. Several defaulters in Salem have been imprisoned for debt. The late failures are chiefly from persons who have come into Salem as adventurers.

18. Sunday. A very hot day. The Th. abroad above 90° so nothing like a contrary current sets in. The Clergy have long displayed their pulpit talents & printed sermons against the administration. Note. Elizabeth Ostram, delivery, Husband at sea. She a Swede. Mr. Channing in Salem preaching for Dr. Barnard in the North Church. He is best known to the public by his invective against the French formed upon some copious extracts from some pamphleteers ag[ainst] the French written for political purposes. This is said to be his first preaching in Salem. It is presumed that he has been betrayed into this political eccentricity. The Second Church in Lower Beverly under Mr. Emerson, has had a Bell in the course of this month. When I came to Salem we had four bells, now six & four new. Beverly has three, two new. In Lynn they have erected another Methodist Chapel which is in the east end of the Town about half a mile from the former. In Marblehead, a Baptist & Methodist Meeting House, but only 3 bells as formerly. In Danvers, three Houses of Worship & 2 bells as formerly. Topsfield & Middleton as in 1783. So Wenham & Ipswich Hamlet or Hamilton, a House & Bell in each. In Ipswich, a Baptist Congregation added, otherwise as before. In Chebacco Parish, since 1783 a new Meeting House. In Gloucester, 5 Parish Meeting Houses & 2 Bells, besides Universalists. Same number as before, but two new Houses. Manchester, a House & a Bell, but House lately rebuilt. Such the state of our district at the present time in South Essex.

19. Died in Salem, Hon. John Pickering, Esqr. æt. 72. He was the Eldest son of Deacon Timothy Pickering & graduated at Cambridge in 1759. He was a tall & slender man of slender constitution & subject to Epilepsy which increased in his latter years. In the habits of his mind as well as body he was different from the present Ex Secretary, his Brother Timothy. He was calm, persevering, reflecting & judicious. He never raised hopes which he disappointed, or was less than was expected from him. His old friends he ever retained & the public respect. He could

not be classed among our Scholars in any branches, but among our wise & judicious citizens, & he was qualified for every public office he ever accepted. As early as 1769 he was a Representative of Salem & had the election as long as he chose to be a candidate for the office. In 1770 he was in the General Court in Cambridge & in 1771, 2, 3, 4 was in the same Legislative Body & in 1775, & in the provincial Congress. He was among the framers of the Constitution. In 1778 he was chosen speaker of the House of Representatives, & in 1779 became Register of Deeds for the County of Essex. He was of the House in 1779 & of the American Academy in 1780. He was Judge of the Superior Court in 1781 & left the bench in 1798 & was Register of Deeds. From his infirm health he confined himself to his office till 1806 when his increasing infirmities obliged him to resign it & he died this day possessed of the public esteem & gratitude. He did not publish much but his hints & remarks in matters of church & state were read with attention & pleasure. The town records abundantly prove in how many ways his fellow citizens employed his talents & what confidence they had in him in the most trying times. His reputation never lessened. He died without marriage but always had one of his sisters, when Widows, with him & he employed an unbounded liberality to all branches of the family, being the friend to whom they resorted in all times of trouble. He held the paternal estate which was rich in lands & ever had the means of living with independence, preserving an attention to the agricultural habits which made a part of his domestic education. By his direction the first Lots of our Great Pasture, after the Turnpike to Boston passed through, were put into farms by persons who had married into the family & his habits were such as had the full approbation of all our citizens.

20. Captain Stephen Ranney sent his Barge for me to go to Marblehead upon a Fishing Party. But the heat was so great that we consented to dine at Capt. Wilson's & from his house in the afternoon went to the Custom House boat in which we had a pleasant sail in the harbour & was there met by the Salem Custom House Boat, & then landed at the Fort & took tea, & refreshment & by the Salem Custom House [boat] were returned to Salem by Capt. Hodges & friends. Capt. Wilson is Collector of Marblehead & Captain Hodges is surveyor of Port of Salem. Misses H. Crowninshield & H. Hodges were with us. The weather continued hot and was 90° Far. in my bed chamber 10 P. M. Revd. Bowers of St. Michael's M. gave us his company through the day.

22. Judge Pickering buried yesterday. Capt. B. Ward, a Continental Captain of the same age with Judge Pickering, says that the 10 years from his first degree at Cambridge till he was Representative that his prospects were very uncertain. Being a modest

man he could not determine himself to either of the learned professions & he became associated with some idle youth of his standing whose amusements led them to gaming. The Father at length obliged his sons to Horticulture, & the Citizens having a fond partiality for John, invited him into public life & saved him from that perdition which seemed approaching. He rewarded their confidences by his services & virtue.

23. A strange deficiency of honesty among the officers of the Churches which have professed great zeal for conversions. Deacons S[aunderson] & L[amson] are added to the list of fraudulent bankrupts, & B. A. is abroad upon the public courtesy. So evident [it] is that high pretensions in weak minds involve fraudulent purposes & very often expose the poor fools to the public contempt. Instead of a rational piety & manly professions this has been a very uncharitable artifice to gain credit with the multitude & to enable them to run risks without judgment & honesty. Salem has been unhappy in the wretches designated for these offices. One an outcast for drunkenness, lately deceased, another for dishonesty, three remaining in debt, & one lately hung himself having left his shoemaker's bench, turned merchant & pennyless. These six in the space of one year. And the past history not better. One of the T. is now living an open Sol. as was his Companion. And yet Fanaticism is as bold as at the beginning.

25. Sunday. The only society claiming substance from support was thought to be Trinity Church, Boston. But Judge Sewall of Marblehead, told Capt. Wilson, consulting about St. Michael's Church, he was surprised to find the state of the funds & finances of Trinity C. Boston. In Marblehead they have agreed they can support in the Episcopal Church public Worship no longer. They give little & a few give it. Mr. Foster 60 D. Judge Sewall 50, &c. & yet do not raise a competence. Mr. Bowers, a worthy man, must resign. In Salem, economy alone could have preserved Mr. Fisher. The North Church, Christ Church, in Boston, is a very humble living for the incumbent.

26. I went with Capt. G. Crowninshield 2d, to Newbury Port. We passed through Ipswich & my aged friend Register Noyes gave me some valuable information respecting that settlement. I saw also a Sermon at the Ordination of Mr. Kimball in which Dr. Dana reminds him of the great men who had been before him. Ipswich must have blushed when he said it. At Newbury, Revd. Mr. Giles visited with me the ruins at the late fire & they were not so extensive as I had apprehended & were not of the best part of the Town. The Contributions, I was told, will put many in better circumstances than they were before the fire. I saw my old friend Capt. Joseph Noyes, æt. 75. He has all his patriotism unshaken. I saw also my friend Capt. Knap of the same

age who is still chearful. I went up to the Chain Bridge which was a bold undertaking. The Abutments are the best stone work I had seen & the Chain bridge was in safe order. The whole would have fine effect if the best attention had been paid to decoration or neatness. I dined at Revd. Giles' & was received by that Gentleman with great hospitality & politeness, & was much pleased by his three daughters who yet remain in his family & supply the place of a wife in their attentions, & virtues. He has one son. We left Newbury Port & returned the same day on the Turnpike & took evening Coffee at Topsfield Hotel, for the first time. The distance from Newbury port to this place is 12 miles & nearly 10 to Salem, giving the same distance as by the first part of the Turnpike & by Rowley & Ipswich. The turnpike runs through Newbury & the points of Rowley, Ipswich & Topsfield. Capt. G. C[rowninshield] 2d, made it very agreeable. We reached Salem at half past 8 in the evening without a circumstance we could wish to change. A fine ride after rain, no dust, good roads, pleasure with friends, good horse & every accommodation. The whole out & in 50 miles.

In conversation with Mr. Noyes of Ipswich, he informed me of Harbreck* hill, which I supposed named from an antient family. Near this he has a wood lot, cleared in 1780, now full of excellent wood & this lot formerly belonged to Mr. Hubbard. The School House orchard given by Mr. Paine was enlarged by land adjoining given by Mr. Hubbard & the site of his house is now to be seen & distinguished by the cavity of the Cellar. Another of Hubbard's lots lays in Chebacco near Haffield's bridge now Choate's. It was a question how they passed into the Pynchon family. A Thompson came to receive them & Mr. Dawes of Boston was Thompson's agent. Mr. Paine was most active in founding the School & from his family it is very probable I am descended in the line of my Mother's father. I left a request to find some of the Antient books. Capt. Noyes tells me that the fire in Newbury Port is a just calamity for the unprovoked rebellion against the Government. It is much doubted whether Newbury Port will rise soon even to its former prosperity, especially if the canal succeeds from the Merrimac to Boston, & with its bar off the Merrimac.

28. I went with H. C[rowninshield] to Cambridge on the Commencement day, from an invitation from Lt. Gov. W. Gray. The time of the exercises I spent in the valuable library of Judge Winthrop & dined with the Company Gov. Gray had collected. After dinner I returned to Salem. Everything is done by patronage in Cambridge, & perhaps it is in present circumstances as well as things can be managed. Few men can discern merit, all

*Heartbreak hill.

can be influenced by humbler motives. The honours of Cambridge are generally conferred after men have honours, officers & friendships. None can say they have been brought into view by Cambridge mediation. For the first time the Theses are printed in a Quarto fold of the sheet. Hitherto they have been printed on the side of a large sheet.

29. Capt. G. Crowninshield 2d, my late Companion on a Tour to the Chain Bridge, Newbury, gave me his tour to Montreal this season. He passed from Salem through Danvers, Reading, Tewksbury, Bilerica, Chelmsford, Tyngsborough, Dunstable, over the Nashua to Amherst, Mount Vernon, Lyndesborough, New Boston, Francistown, Dearing, Antrim, Hillsborough, Lemington to Cornish, through Clairmont, & then across the Conn. to Windsor to Hartland, Woodstock, Barnard, Bethel, Stockbridge, Rochester, Hancock, Goshen to Middleborough, then by the marble factories, then to New Haven & Vergennes, then on the lake by Freyburg, Charlotte, Shelburne to Burlington and then by Colchester, Essex, Milton, Georgia, St. Albans, to Swanstown. From Swanstown falls down the Missisquoi river. Passing over Lake Champlain it is 9 miles to St. John's. Then cross the island 19 miles & 3 miles over into Montreal. On his return, 2 August, at Champlain town, 25 miles below St. John and at the Lines, he was examined & then passed to Burlington in the steam Boat, 86 miles in 16 hours. Then took stage for Middleborough arrived at Pittsfield. Aug. 3, passed through Rutland to Mount Holly & Clarendon, then hired a carriage to cross to the eastern from the western turnpike & he reached Windsor, & then his former route to Salem. He observes Canada lines run between Coleboro & Callouck manor. He observes the range of the Green mountains between Middleborough & Hillsborough. At Middleb[orough] he was in company with J. W. Clarke who gave himself as Paymaster of the Canadas. That at the lines, after being examined, he had to pay One Shilling to Peter Shilee the Custom House Officer. He reached Salem, 7 Aug. 1811.

30. We are full of reports of war so that scarcely anything else is mentioned. The reports are vague but we are to expect everything from British vexation. The nation is in great trouble & they will keep the world in the same condition. The Gov. & Council keep their secrets absolutely. No one pretends to have such influence as to have any secret communications. The many appointments upon the new order of things has made this a very interesting moment to speculators. It is intended, whatever be the event, to free the administration from the support of its opposers. It is curious to observe the truth that many wish to live upon & not under the Government.

September 1 [1811]. Sunday. Notice is given that a Church

of Universalists is to be dedicated at Charlestown near Boston, next Thursday. This is the fourth in this neighborhood. Now at Gloucester, Boston, Salem & Charlestown. The other places of their worship are less noted by them. These Sects save us from the alarms of Consociation.

2. Dr. [Daniel] Berry, our Master in the East School, says that at the late exhibition last Monday he had 120 boys which is the full compliment & that the Grammar master Mr. [Moses] Stephens had 40, as high a number as that School ever did contain. So that we are abundantly vindicated for a change which at the same expence instructs one hundred more of our children & gives great content to their parents. The whole number at the exhibition about 400.

3. For the first time something like Astronomy appears in Salem. Mr. Bowditch, our Mathematician, observes the eclipse of the moon with a proper apparatus. Capt. John Carlton, one of our able mariners, also with his chronometer & Capt. S. Lambert, a teacher of navigation, at their respective homes. It is pleasure to hear of the progress of science & to see an ambition of accuracy. I know not whether they will submit their results to the public eye.

4. The case of Abiel Abbot* in the Church at Coventry, Connecticut, has been lately published. This young man from Mass. was settled in Coventry & had been in his charge for 15 years. A jealousy arose that he had not been secure as to the Trinity & atonement & some of the Church questioned him & at last proposed a Council. The Minister consented to a Mutual Council but they did not acquiesce but insisted upon the County Consociation as they explained the Seabrook platform. Notwithstanding his protest that County Consociation was called & desected again the Minister. The Minister called a party council from Massachusetts, who advised a seperation. Dr. Osgood wrote a good letter on Mutual Councils, which is in the book. Two points are fixed, that all who deny trinity & atonement are in Connecticut heretics, & that the Consociated Churches will excommunicate such as never submitted to their authority. This is not new. Dr. Whitaker, claiming to be a presbyterian, was treated in the same manner by Congregationalists in Salem.

5. Among the many failures in this Town which have mowed down many bold adventurers in Salem, a person bearing the name of a Physician, for the first since the settlement of Salem, has suffered as a Speculator. S. Hemenway came to Salem to study with Dr. Holyoke & had been educated at Cambridge. He maintained himself by a Dancing School. From his studies he went to a

*Rev. Abiel Abbot, author of History of Andover, Mass., and Genealogy of the Abbot Family. After his dismissal he became master at Dummer Academy.

Grocery Store, thence to an Apothecary Shop & lately to Speculation & the practice of Physic. He married the d. of a Baker, alias a Speculator, alias a Bankrupt, & now shares the fate of his Father in law. This is something like a true picture of our habits during the profits of Commerce. While we went before the wind credit was boundless & success followed every adventurer. Since the wind has changed, few have skill enough to navigate troubled seas. Most of the failures are among young men from the country. A young girl who saved from the wreck of Allen's estate a few pennies has lost all by another failure among her kindred. The abuse of credit was notorious but the rapacity among the plunderers of the wreck is worse than Cape Cod itself.* This day Capt. Ranney of Marblehead fort, & Capt. Thomas of the Newport R. I. station, dined & spent the day with me & I took tea for the first time at Salem fort & they passed to M[arblehead] by water.

7. A Comet very distinctly seen last evening by the naked eye. It was generally seen but I have heard of no observations on its exact place. Notice had been given that such a comet had been visible elsewhere but no observations had been given which were reported to us.

8. Sunday. Notes. Wm. Browne & wife & his children, d. of his son in Law John Hill, æt. 47, who left a wife & many children, also for a g. son & son of said Hill lost at sea, and for 3 g. sons at sea. Nathan Pierce 2d. & wife, d. of his B. in Law John Hill, same mother. Gamaliel Ward & wife, her recovery. They brought their own Child. A curious incident this week. On Friday, Dr. Moses Little sent for me. It had been agreed at my request that as he was in declining health and as there had been great intimacy that he should send for me whenever he wished to see me. I went at his notice & he informed me that Dr. B[arnard] had sent to know whether a visit would be acceptable. From the Dr's reputation & rank in society he did not decline the visit but was in no respects accessory to such an event. That he had been with him & had prayed with him. But that he begged I would take no offence at this event as it was not from his wishes or expectations. The Sister who was present said she was to take all the blame & the motion had been made through Hon. S. Putnam, who was in near affinity with the family of the political Timothy Pickering. I found afterwards that this event had been improved for the purpose of lessening my professional reputation, that my best friend would prefer the good Dr. B. upon a dying bed. Dr. B. is weak enough to be caught with this flattery & thus to violate the sacred honour of his religious profession. Hereafter the deaths of Ministers & ordinations will form a Table in† no. XXXIX, as better for one view of them. Last week the

*Alluding to the wreckers.

†Referring to one of his numbered volumes of manuscripts.

Universalist Meeting in Charlestown Dedicated. They have ordained a Mr. Kneeland as their first Minister.

9. Dr. Kitteridge promises himself Coal at Reading, & appears sanguine in his projects. The Lynn Spring has prevented his success in the Barthelmy springs. The convenient house at the Lynn spring draws many to that delightful spot whose pleasures will lessen rather than promote their health, which is their professed object. Families have already begun to make a residence at this place of antient fame among us, but whose reputation slept for a century & the path was lost.

11. Went to Boston & not finding my Father at home I walked into the South part of the town, through Tremont street & the Mall & then into Orange Street. For the first time saw the New Hollis Street Church. The Steeple too loaded for my taste. Passed upon the Neck, visited Dorchester Bridge & the New road to it from Wheeler's point, then through Old Pleasant Street to the Third Baptist Meeting. Preferred the long Pulpit of the Second Baptist, lately built, to the round, for appearance & convenience. The roof of the third Baptist settles already & is injured. I passed the Mill Causeway & the Canal which is to continue through the former mill pond to Charles river. The stone work about half finished. I found that women were at the windows of the Second Baptist Church & supposed public worship to be held in it at that time but I soon found that this was the week of the meeting of the Baptist Ministers just as of the Associated at Worcester's, Salem, lately in the Congregational way. However, as every person entered at discretion & the whole company was in groupes, I could enter unobserved & viewed the building, which by a notification at the door I found not to have been paid for as for the first time I saw "Pews to sell", in an advertisement. The appearance of the Baptist ministers was not much more favorable to their persons than their dress & manners to their education & improvement. The Group was rather worse than Worcester's. In passing I saw in the south part of the town the new Boylston Market. I should not have judged that I was in Boston as I saw only a few Butchers at their stalls at 11 A. M. But appearances were less at West Boston, at Parkman Market, which appeared hardly to command any appearance of its design & I was in doubt at first whether indeed it was a Market. Boston market has been unrivalled in New England unquestionably, but I saw the old place, the numbers, the variety both of sellers & purchasers reminded me of the Capital of New England & of its abundance & of the happy cultivation of New England. Probably the Out Markets are like the Market which was attempted in Salem against usage, & not yet favoured by the habits of the citizens who go almost by instinct to Fanueil Hall Market.

14. News of the death of Capt. W. Welsh. As a Lieutenant he commanded, under Capt. Ranney, the Fort at Salem & was recommended by his good manners & good conduct in his command. He was detached & promoted to go to the westward under Col. Boyd & died 24 Aug. at Newport, Kentucky. Capt. Ranney assures me that every respectful notice has been sent of this event. Col. Boyd had commanded at Fort Independence before Boston. The Company under Command of Capt. Ranney was this day upon our common & the men were refreshed & the officers entertained by Benja. Crowninshield Esqr. on the common.

15. Sunday. In my visit to Boston I found the Baptists assembled in an association not unlike that at Salem. Their first day of meeting on Tuesday & their lectures in the Evening. It is not possible that anything should come from such a meeting from any talents employed in it. Dr. Baldwin, who takes the lead, succeeds Dr. Stillman in reputation & performs at the Commencement in Providence as he did. His publications will tell what he is, but as self taught he has become the head of them all as they have no man of education in competition with him. They have a Baptist magazine answering to the Panoplist & Missionary Magazine of the Hopkinsians, in which all these meetings & Conferences are dressed up for the instruction of their sect & without these instruments the meetings would be lost from the memory as they have in themselves no dignity, enquiry, or result which can entitle them to notice. We are but to suspect that some foreign communications which are left on paper, if we were present, would not excite very different emotions. But these small pamphlets are circulated where better things are unknown. A Dr. Staunton from Philadelphia, for assistance to a Baptist meeting in Philadelphia, has been preaching through New England. His reputation in Salem was not great, but for his lungs. Our people begin to return to the Baptism of their children as a sad spell had been put by the Baptist alarm. The Conduct of the Regular Continental troops at the four Stations in Essex, Salem, Marblehead, Newbury Port, & Gloucester under Capt. Stephen Ranney, has been as discreet as their discipline and military appearance has been reputable. W. Welsh was the first Lieutenant who has removed & died. Lieut. Charles Larabee has been succeeded by Lieut. Grenough. The 2d Lieut. Frederick Conkling is with Capt. Ranney at Marblehead. The Company belongs to the fourth Regiment of Infantry. The Father of Capt. W. Welsh is John Welsh Esqr. of Litchfield, Conn. Capt. Ranney communicated a kind Letter from the Father in consequence of my attentions to his Son.

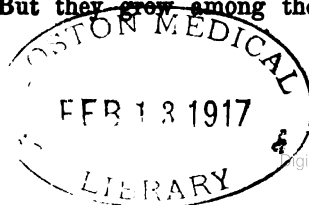
16. A Mrs. Beal, d. of N. Lane, from her habits deranged, leapt from her chamber window, corner of English street in Essex

street, & broke her thigh. She had shown signs of derangement for some time.

17. An Eclipse of the Sun. It would have pleased the philosophers to have seen what attention Mr. B[owditch], our Mathematician, had excited. We shall have as many Longitudes for Salem as Observers. Capt. Ranney indulged me with the Regimental order respecting the death of our friend Capt. W. Welsh & the letter of Capt. Snelling. Col. Boyd calls him a young & meritorious officer & gives orders for the proper respect. Capt. R. tells me his G. Parents & Parents are yet living & respected. Capt. W. W. had an education at Yale College & had most agreeable manners. It seems Capt. W. W. was sick 7 days of a fever. Capt. R. pronounces Capt. W. W. a man of the strictest integrity. I was attached by frequent intercourse & every cause to respect him.

20. Passed to Mathabequa & saw the Canal which has been opened from Coy Pond to Forest river through a valuable swamp which has hitherto been useless & over flowed. The swamp belonged to Col. Pickman, R. Hooper, Esqr. & John Prince, Esqr. & lays in Salem. The drain is easy & the descent near the River between two sudden heights rapid. The water has fallen 11 inches & left the swamp passable. As soon as cleared they may be rich for the best purposes of peat, pasture, grass or grain. Mr. Hooper, who holds Deep Pond, is to open a canal & save his swamp by passing the waste water through Coy pond Canal. J. Prince, Esqr. who holds Legge's hill, thinks that the opening between the two heights in which the Canal passes was artificial & probably the place of a mill, from the small waste below & the ground having been moved, but it was more probably the settlement of the Indians who remembered Mathabequa long after the English settlements & it is at the head of the navigable waters on south river as the Northfield Indian settlement was at the head of North river. J. Prince has already opened several paths through the swamp & made a road to the pond upon the side of the hill from the edge of the swamp & stoned against the hill. The place can hardly be known by a person who visited it last year.

22. Sunday. The Association at Salem by the Hopkinsian Congregationalists was followed, as we noticed, by a similar association or Convention of Baptists at Boston. Sects profit from the weakness & zeal of each other & the Universalists had a Convention on 18th instant at Lebanon, N. H. This is upon the line of Maine & upon Salmon fall river. This sect is in its infancy & has its friends much scattered. It has no Ministers of public education & most of them are really illiterate & purely itinerants. I know of no friends or of any real contributions but of their zeal to assist each other. But they grow among the other sects &



among the most violent. A strange Association has connected the heat of the season with the appearance of the Comet. The greatest heat was July 5 & Aug. 19. A Comet was seen 18 May & in our horizon Sept. 6. Now if it gave its greatest heat at these times, it gave the greatest at its descent but no heat is given by the theory till it be nearer than the earth is to the sun. From 18 May to 5 of July was 60 days, & Aug. 19 was 18 days before it had returned to be visible to our earth. We should record the facts as this season has been very extraordinary for all the convulsions of the Atmosphere & in all parts of the Globe.

24. By a singular accident Willard Peele, Esqr. Merchant of Salem, passing with his wife over Forester river at Gardner's Mills, the Horse took fright & precipitated them into the Mill pond into 10 feet of water. They escaped without injury & saved their Chaise & horse. This afternoon I walked into Northfields to see the new Road passing easterly from the Great Road in a line to Felt's wharf & point opposite to Skerry's point on the other side of North river. The inlet near Felt's point is covered with a solid causeway & the road is finished throughout to be passed comfortably. From this road two others cross, lately opened upon Felt's ground towards the old road leading to Orne's point, & the most westerly comes out just below the road to Horse pasture point. There are two others beyond, one on each side of the grass road from Orne's or Fisher's farm to Osborne's on the first inlet from Northfield bridge eastwards, & several new buildings. These improvements in roads & buildings have been made lately & all of them since I came to Salem in 1783 & are included in the lots which form the space separated by the Northfield road to Danvers & the road to Orne's point, there not being an open road or a dwelling in the whole square but upon the County road. There are now six Houses & others building. The other part of Northfields remains as before on the East side of the County road as to roads, but to Orne's House & Horse pasture point farm house are added, Weston's House, & Col. Cushing's at Orne's point. These are all in the field. Several have been added upon the County road. On the western side of the road since 1783 & very lately, has been opened the river road & three houses have been built. The road to the School house, parallel to the County road, has been opened into the cross road from Orne's farm road to the Mill Bridge on Salem line. Mason & Norris built houses on the river road.

27. The Failures of the Speculators have strongly fallen upon the Enthusiastic leaders of little Sects. Deacons Batchelor, Saunderson, Meservy, Safford, Adams, Palfrey, Lamson, besides some men of high professions, Tilden, Burbank, & such like. None of these have been natives of Salem, or well informed men, but

thrusting themselves from mechanic employments into mercantile affairs & venturing largely upon credit, breaking embargo laws, & making promises they have plunged themselves into the greatest evils.

29. Sunday. Notes. Israel Andrew, d. of his wife, She a Hitchins, d. of Abijah. Abijah Hitchins, d. of his youngest d. Cynthia Andrew, pr. for friends & relatives. David Magoon & wife, d. of her youngest Sister Andrew. Joseph Knap & wife, her delivery, pr. for Brethren at sea. Mr. Peak, the Baptist Minister, has returned to Newburyport & brings 2200 dollars for the Baptist Society in that place to rebuild. Mr. Spring also returns but he has not told his success in collecting for the sufferers by the fire in Newbury Port. He went as far as Virginia.

Dr. B[arnard] in addition to his visits to the Sick Doctor, at his own request has written for another family, Olivers, to Cambridge without any effort to consult the Pastor upon whose charge he enters & this after great professions of the love of order & such order as expressly has authorized impeachment for such offences. So sure is heresy in Church or State to render a man an outlaw. A Mr. Sunderland of Bath, N. H. on Conn. river, from Scotland, at Salem. Mr. W[orcester] of this town at his ordination of Mr. G[riffin] in Boston, was pleased to bear testimony in favour of the Trinity & in this was thought to direct his discourse against his Brother who has lately printed in the controversy against this extraordinary doctrine. I have not yet seen this wonderful performance which has been given to the world through the press. I was told by Mr. R. that Homer & Greenough made no extraordinary figure in the scene of this ordination & there was not a general attendance of the Boston ministers on the occasion.

30. Took tea at the Fort with Lt. Grenough & Lady & dined with Misses E. Wilson & Hodges at my own table. Our pleasure increased by the militia Company musters near us & the circle of our friends. As one engine of political strife my political foes attempt to draw every curiosity from my enjoyment. Mr. Treadwell has sent for Leverett's pardon.

October 1 [1811]. The Ann[iversary] of the Female Asylum. The public discourse was in the New South Meeting House & Sermon by Mr. Emerson. The assembly chiefly Females. Singing good. Collection made 108 D.

2. This day & Monday [was the] Company training of the Military in Salem. We see much less to admire after seeing Capt. Ranney's Company of U. S. Troops. Our Artillery still have their high merit. They & the Cadets were out this day.

4. The Vegetation this year has been uncommon. Fruit of every kind has been in high perfection & several specimens of extraordinary growth will be found in the catalogue for this year.

The Berkshire show which was a new thing in New England, was also very honourable to our farmers & the procession which was formed was much noticed for the display of our improvements. Sixty yoke of prime oxen were fastened to one plow which was held by two of the most aged farmers. Among the articles enumerated were broadcloths, sail Duck, Rose blankets, & muskets. Emblems appropriate.

6. Sunday. Notes relating to Capt. B[enjamin] Babbidge, long missing. He was an industrious man but seduced by the speculations of Col. Archer, his Brother in law, who pretended great success in business which from his calling as a barber he could not comprehend but commanded a credit exceeding 170 thousand dollars. Young Babbidge told me Col. A. told him that he would gain most by endorsing his notes which he did to an amount which overwhelmed him. Col. A. did not pay 20 Cents upon a Dollar. Young B. then returned to his employment as Master of a Vessel & returning from Havanna was lost among the Bahamas on the storm of September, 1810, a victim to his credulity as many others had been. This was a deep game. Mary Babbidge with her Son, d. of her husband, pr. for brethren at sea. John Babbidge & wife, d. of his Brother Benjamin, pr. for a son & her br. at sea. George Hodges & wife, d. of her Br. Babbidge, pr. for their brethren at sea. S[amuel] Worcester of Salem has received a D. D. from New Jersey. The celebrated Griffin was with him this day in Salem. Mr. Worcester assisted this emigrant from N. Jersey & Andover, in his Boston Mission.

8. The Press employed by the [Salem] Register was purchased for Mr. Carleton by the Joint Efforts of Jacob Crowninshield, lately deceased, & Member of Congress as well as of our Senate & Legislature, & Capt. Joseph White, 2d, & John Harthorne. Harthorne has asked to dispose of his part of the purchase. In his irritation he threatened if he could not publish at his pleasure he would establish a new press in Salem. He is now not to be concerned in any press. He has been agent for the Continental troops upon this Station under Capt. Ranney. The Regimental Review in Salem. There is no Brigade Review this year & every Regiment was reviewed at home. The Artillery of the Brigade was reviewed at Gloucester & the Horse at Salem. The Ipswich horse was on the parade at Salem. The Cadets from some point of honour about place & more probably from some party motive were on parade but not on the line. The two other infantry companies were upon the right & left. In the Regiment the numbers were lessened, but the appearance was orderly & tho' many spectators were assembled yet the town was perfectly still at nine in the evening. We had a drizzling atmosphere & yet not very uncomfortable weather. We had nothing brilliant in

the exercises, but a general content of the citizens. Lt. Greenough of U. S. Army, stationed at the Fort in Salem, dined with me.

9. This day in the Baptist Meeting was an ordination of an Evangelist. The Candidate was Harry Clark, a young seaman who lately in a mad fit went barefoot to Providence & has since become a fanatic of the first chop. Baldwin, Bowles & Chaplin, &c. had a hand in this solemn farce. Thus we see the old fanaticism returning. Spaulding ordained as overseer, Mr. Freeman a black man over the blacks of the Branch. Worcester ordained Griffin the emigrant from N. J. & Andover furnace at Boston, with all exclusive hopes unassisted by the association of the Capital & in open defiance of their judgment & now the Baptists have finished the work with a mad sailor. So we go to perfection. Griffin was hissed at Cambridge. Freeman is the best of the whole. I dined this day with Mr. Osgood at Danvers at the Factory.

10. By appointment I went with W. Rogers, g. son of late Revd. N. Rogers, to Ipswich with the express purpose of visiting the southern end of Plum Island as I had repeatedly visited the north before & after the turnpike had been finished. We were invited by Major Farley who was ready to receive us & for the benefit of the tide & shoal waters we passed down in a Wherry which we could manage easily with two oars at which we took our turns. I found the river as we went down answered well to Holland's survey as did the south end of the Island. We left our wherry at the bank opposite to the head of the Neck & travelled to the Western farm house which [is] occupied by a Mr. Spiller, a tenant at will. Near his house is a small one, westerly, occupied by a Mr. Perkins who is 74 years of age & maintains himself by salting clams for the fishery. He fills a barrel in three days & we found him washing & opening. Mr. Spiller was hospitable & carried us in his wherry across the inlet to prevent walking round in the sand to the eastern farm house occupied by his brother of the same name. The eastern farm belongs to the heirs of Ralph Cross, lately deceased, & the western to Choate of Ipswich. Cross lived in Newbury Port. Mr. Spiller reckons the western farm to have 31 acres of upland & the Eastern to have 20, tho' the woman at the eastern house told me 17 acres of upland. The farms include in their deeds above 100 acres each including marsh. The eastern farm pronounced best for grass. The farms did not answer my expectations. They keep several cows on each of the farms. The high lands of the Neck are not in the good state formerly ascribed to them & the land is called Jeffrey's Neck after a first settler from whom probably our Jeffrey Massey took his name. Tilton's Hill of a conical figure was a beautiful object at some distance from the south side of the river & in full view as we passed from Plum Island sound into

Ipswich river. Holland has projected it accurately. We found the water foul & low at the well in the western farm but good at the eastern & at neither brackish. The western seemed thick with clay but the springs were low. They had good potatoes & indian corn & say clover flourishes on their uplands but they prefer to use the herd grass. We found good fowling having taken a large Diver & several plovers & yellow legs. We had not time to follow a good flock of black ducks. We saw a seal at the mouth of Ipswich river both as we ascended & descended. The navigation appeared very difficult & the river shallow & the course of the channel very irregular & winding. Without any occurrence contrary to our wishes we reached Ipswich at sun set having supplied ourselves with hen, quag, & clam shells, besides pectens & venuses & were elegantly & hospitably received at Mr. Farley's whose family gave us a hearty welcome. Before nine in the evening we were at Salem. Major Robert Farley visited us at his Brothers in the evening & gave us proud invitations.

12. The business of failures continues & it falls chiefly upon persons not born in Salem, who came into it to get wealth by other means than the slow gains of its inhabitants, & it has fallen with increased severity on men whose sanctity has gained them some irreligious as well as secular speculations. The Branch has lost 2 deacons, the Tabernacle, 3 deacons, the Baptist, a deacon, & the New South Deacon broke & hung himself. We have been very safe in the old established Churches.

13. Sunday. Note. Moses Little, pr. for him exp[ecting] ap[proaching] dissolution. Dr. Little died at seven in the evening after having been long sick. As his marriage had placed him in the Pickering family & as the politics of his party had placed me apart, every art was used by S. P[utnam], one of the Executors, to get another person substituted in my place. Yesterday Dr. L[ittle] sent for me, joined with me in devotion & desired prayers in the congregation. The Dr. had explained his intentions & the C. introduced soon abandoned the object. I consider this as the triumph of his virtue & his testimony to the fidelity with which I had confirmed my friendship to him.

14. Went with Capt. C. Hodges, an officer of the Revenue, in the Revenue Cutter to Bakers' Island. We were directed in our visit by the representation of Gen. Dearborn, Collector of Boston, that ore had been found upon Bakers' Island. I examined every part of the Island with great care & found the whole island, like the other Islets round Salem, to be seated upon a mass of mixed & hard rock. That from its greater elevation it had suffered less than some other Islets, tho several masses of the same rocks lay low in its neighbourhood under the name of its Breakers. That the soil would be penetrated no where at any great depth & that

no rocks promised any mineral substances which could be collected for use. I brought up with me specimens of the different stones & shades of colour which I found on the Island. I suspect the tale of minerals arose from what I heard at Plum Island, that a Negro pretended to have found mineral substances of value & engaged several persons from Newbury port in the search & had a horse to go to the southward to find the man who promised to analyze them but neither Negro nor Horse have been heard of since. Messieurs Spillers, the Tenants on the Island, could not inform me of the spot or undertakers but it probably is a well known adventure in Newburyport. On the southeast side of the Island is a long vein of white rock which passes for a long distance as a vein in the bed of rocks in which it is found, never of a foot in width, called the marble vein & from which in the neighbouring rocks the name Marblehead may have obtained & from the strong colours in the hard rock of Halfway rock. These rocks have never been analysed, or properly examined by any naturalist.

15. The day of the funeral of Dr. Moses Little. As his connections by marriage were my political enemies nothing but his interposition saved me from neglect at his interment. From one of the Executors, formerly my pupil & friend, I received last evening the following letter.

Salem, October, 1811, Monday. Revd. William Bentley, Dear Sir, Our late beloved friend Dr. Moses Little requested his Executors to send you gloves & stockings & a small sum & write the form of a note which was nearly as follows: Revd. Sir, you are requested to officiate at the funeral ceremony of Doctor L. tomorrow at — o'clock P. M. And as it will not be convenient for the relations of Doctor L. to attend your congregation the ensuing Sunday, a discourse particularly on his account will not be expected. Your compliance, &c. will be gratefully remembered & acknowledged by yr. frds. & servts. The funeral will be tomorrow at three o'clock & as the Relations will return to Boston, punctuality is requested at that hour.

I attended & nothing remarkable happened. Mr. Putnam who had introduced Dr. Barnard did not persist on his design of interrupting me.

16. Dr. Moses Little went from Newbury old Town, where he was born of an antient family to the University in Cambridge & graduated in 1787 in the 22 y. of his age. He afterwards studied Physic with Dr. John Barnard Swett, a gentleman of eminence, & then went to Alexandria in Virginia, to practice in his profession, but not preferring the climate he returned to New England & chose to endeavor to establish himself in Salem. He brought me a Letter from Dr. Swett, my particular friend, dated Oct. 26, 1791, & waited upon me in person on 15 November following. He

joined my religious society & continued his friendship till death. He afterwards married Elizabeth Williams, d. of G. Williams Esqr. in 1798, & he had a fortune by her & three children. The mother of Miss Williams was a Pickering & the Brothers, men in high mercantile prosperity as the Father had been. His wife who was affectionate & happy, died of a Consumption in 1808, 10 years after her marriage, & the Doctor followed her in three years in the same way. Dr. Little in his person was of full stature, of pleasant manners & soon recommended himself to an extensive practice. He was ranked among the skillful men in the practice of Physics without extraordinary attainments in science. He had skill as a Surgeon, & uncommon success in the Lying in chambers & the uncommon fevers. He was rather reserved, never positive, but always humane. In his private life & in the duties of his profession he had always left an esteem for him, wherever known. In his long sickness I never heard him complain. Of his religious opinions I know little. He was my hearer & he never contended with me about points of faith. After he was confined attempts were made to intrude upon his last hours, but he sent for me, told me of the event & assured me that he was satisfied with me & should give the world no reason to think otherwise. It had been agreed that when he wished to see me he should send for me. On the day before he died he sent for me. I found him calm but not able to converse. At parting he asked me to pray with him & to ask prayers in his name in the congregation. His life was upright, his duty submission, & his last hours silence & peace.

17. Went with H. C[rowninshield] to visit D[avid] Fuller at Middleton. I had never been in this town but upon the Andover road. I now passed through Danvers on its eastern road & before I reached the bridge near Middleton meeting House took the right towards Topsfield, 2 miles from the Meeting House. On the hill back of the house we have a view of Topsfield hotel on Newbury turnpike & of Andover north meeting house. Ipswich river, which passed near the meeting House, here passes about one quarter of a mile north of us & enters Topsfield in its course easterly. From Mr. Fuller's I passed the Meeting House & from Easties, west of the Meeting House, I went to the Middleton pond. It is said to be one mile & a quarter from the Andover turnpike at Easties to the western extremity of the pond leaving nearly a mile for the length of the pond & the eastern end is the widest leaving to the eye a mean breadth of one quarter of a mile. It is shallow at the borders but rocky & more meadowy at the western end. I ascended Will's Hill which is large & conical & reaches the n. e. side of the pond & is of sufficient elevation to give a view of Wachusett & the high lands of the western part of the State. From this hill the township was first named, & from being the last section

separated from the towns from Salem to Andover & from its distance & position, called Middleton. Mr. [Andrew] Peters was its first minister. Mr. [Elias] Smith was ordained in 1759, as I was told, & since, a Mr. [Solomon] Adams upon whom I called. He was much debilitated by a paralytical affection. I dined & took tea at David Fuller's upon a visit to his Daughter Elizabeth, living with Wid. Eunice Richardson.

18. The new appointments are very interesting in Massachusetts. Hopes were entertained of an entire change to give new spirits to the friends of our Governour. But we have not such success. J[oseph] S[tory], the Speaker of the House, has put his Father in Law [William] Wetmore on the bench for our District, & Sprague of Salem is Clerk. We know not what effect it will have but within doors we hear complaint. We encircle a Governour with persons unknown to him & unworthy of confidence & then he becomes responsible for the folly. Mr. Wetmore had fallen into obscurity after the death of his Father in law Pyncheon, & was most unfriendly to our revolution. He is now brought into view to prove how men may be sacrificed to private influence & not men only but the common cause of our Country. Thus between Fathers in Law & Sons in law there is no love of the nation.

19. Abbe Robin mentions it as a curiosity, the moving of Houses & framed buildings through the Streets. Mr. Skerry, who was this day moving a house, told me that he believed no town was more known for such practices. That the one he was moving was the sixth in this week & he had assisted to remove 53 in one year. All our buildings of wood & of two stories are moved & sometimes even of three stories but not so commonly. It is not uncommon in Salem to build a small house & small barn to begin with & when able to build a larger to sell the small one to be removed to another beginner & some houses have been removed several times to new owners. This favours new beginners & assists the hopes of a man who wishes to build a large house as small houses are in demand & the price of them will assist the building of the larger house & not remain to embarrass him. It is not uncommon to see a new street quite full of small buildings & then stripped of them. At this moment a parishioner is removing a house larger than his own to his lot & another has built a larger barn & has removed the former to a Lodgement for a Widow at the Corner of his Lot.

20. Sunday. This day I noticed Dr. Little. His wife's younger Sister Nancy & the Dr's two Sons were with us. No other person with us on the occasion.

21. We have had lately a Horse racing at Medford. Everything hitherto has been comparatively on the small scale. On this occasion we had our Heroes who talked in Grecian strains. Gen. Brooks in the Chair, Mr. Otis & our political heroes with all

the great assemblage of Boston, & Mr. Paine as the poet on the occasion, tho' on this occasion he rather imitated Pindar's obscurity. Much said upon the occasion in praise of these games to increase a relish for them in New England. Besides, the Theatre is said to be prepared with unrivalled taste to invite the sons of science & pleasure to the sublime entertainments of the Sock & buskin. Everything of this nature may be relatively good, especially when congenial with national manners & education. The Theatre & the Race were refinements upon savage customs among the Greeks. With us they are triumphs over the character which our Country has been taught to love. In one case they exalt.

22. Our Commerce is in a very uncertain state. Our Vessels under various pretences coming in & going out are sent to Halifax. And every energy is employed to prevent a war, to resent injuries & to make peace with all nations uncomfortable. For the British party uniformly attribute every evil to the French whom they describe in the most odious colours. An Irish writer speaking of his Country says, We begin to love the French as the Americans do, to hurt those who injure us. We hear very angry speeches every day & find the temper rising.

24. We have had several great losses by fire in the Manufactories of this State. In this month the Leather Manufactory of Northampton was burnt, with above fifteen hundred Cord of Bark, Barkmill, &c. This week the Cotton factory at Medway, with a dwelling House, Grist mill, Blacksmith's shop, &c. It is strange that these losses should be so frequent in all the Union & yet nothing but suspicion without any facts saves the Owners from the charge of a criminal neglect of their interest.

25. We have now all the appearance of winter for the first time. The Ground is covered, the air cold, the clouds dark, the winds high, & all the sad ensigns of winter. We had very low springs & very little rain in the past fall & summer. A farmer observed to me at Middleton, that he had not lost a day for the season on account of the outdoor weather.

27. Sunday. In the Second No. of a pamphlet called Gospel Tydings or some such, by the Universalists, among whom Ballou of Portsmouth, Turner of Salem, Jones of Gloucester, & Kneeland of Charlestown are named, is an answer to Worcester of Salem who made a rude attack upon the Salem Universalists, denouncing them & saying his Arm should fall from its socket before he would be in communion with them. It might be wished that Ballou, who is said to have written the Answer & respectfully enough, had seen Hartley. Worcester pleads character, ground of punishment & yet not cause of reprobation. Special grace to the worst of sinners & eternal punishment of sin because sinners must be punished. B[allou] did not know his own ground to profit well from it.

28. Pleasant weather after the storm but not altogether pleasant tidings. The Bark Moses of this town was lost upon Cape Cod Race point, crew saved. Friday had all the austerity of winter but we are restored. The affair of Capt. Woodberry dying in a scuffle with Stacey at Cape Ann, is reserved for a trial after an hearing before Justice Tuck of Manchester. The blame seems to rest upon the Sufferer.

29. Sale of Dr. Moses Little's furniture & Library. The catalogue professional, not indicating learned research or any other than professional reading, amounting to 140 titles & probably double that number of volumes. Among the most valuable are the memoirs & such other publications. This may shew the extent of the reading of our Physicians. He was with us twenty years & acquired more than any man in it for the same length of time. The Sum is handsome.

30. After many purposes & disappointments, I left Salem with my H. C[rowninshield] to see Line Brook vulg[arly known as] Firetown, a section of Ipswich, Topsfield, & Rowley at the acute angle in which they meet. Never did I find so many opinions about the distance & the course of any place. I took my own way & went to Topsfield meeting house. There at a tavern I found an intelligent woman who had lived in the neighbourhood. She directed me to proceed on the Haverhill road, leaving the road to Ipswich on my right hand, till I had passed two miles, then to take the right hand, & about half a mile from the meeting house, or four miles from Topsfield Meeting, I turned to the left & came to Line Brook Meeting House. I visited the Minister whose house is near the Meeting house upon rising ground west of it. Upon my return through Ipswich, as the road near the Meeting House went to Rowley, I returned the half mile into the former road from which I had turned & continued towards Ipswich & in about a mile I crossed Newbury turnpike at a Tavern kept by one Foster* in Line Brook, about three & an half miles from Topsfield hotel, so that the best road from Salem is by Topsfield Hotel to Foster tavern or the cross road at that place. We continued on towards Ipswich, Line Brook extending nearly two miles beyond the turnpike towards Ipswich taking a left hand road as we were leaving Line Brook & then passing over the Sands we entered Ipswich near the bury[ing] ground above the Old Meeting House & proceeded into Ipswich upon the Newbury lower road till we reached Treadwell's tavern on the Hill, at bell ringing, half past twelve, & at Treadwell's we dined.

*Foster by trade was a blacksmith, by business a landlord. His sign hanging near the tavern door read as follows:

"I shoe the horse, I shoe the ox;
I carry the nails in my box;
I make the nail, I set the shoe,
And entertain some strangers, too."

The general appearance of Line Brook is poor but more so at the point towards Topsfield & Boxford at which we entered. We saw only one orchard & that an old one, from Topsfield till we reached the Meeting House. Most of the lands were unenclosed & barren & the swamps were of no use being filled with small pines, small birch & alders with hummocks. Away from the road some farms on favorite spots made a little better appearance. As we approached the Turnpike some farms were in better condition but we soon passed to the moving sands which lay between Ipswich & this parish. It is generally considered as the poorest division of Essex. As it is the last place I have visited, it is the most destitute of the means of enriching a farmer. And if the tastes of the people can be guessed by the rhymes on Foster's sign, their minds are of higher improvements than their barren country. I found the Minister [Gilbert T. Williams] to be a Son of Revd. Simon Williams of Windham, a part of Londonderry in New Hampshire. Joseph McKean D. D. who was settled at Beverly, & afterwards first President of Bowdoin College, told me that his Father was his Preceptor but with all the roughness of a Presbyterian in Scotland, of which he gave me some very powerful anecdotes. Revd. Jacob Herrick of Durham, Maine, gave me the history of his interment in the Irish way which indicated into what state of improvement he had brought his flock in the wilderness. From the Son, who is named after the celebrated Gilbert Tennent, so well known as the Hero in talents in the Days of Whitefield in New England, 1742, I had the following information by his records which he produced. Line Brook had not a separate house of worship till the present house was erected in 1742 & the pulpit was finished in 1743. They had not formed a Church till 1749 at the time of the ordination of the well known George Leslie. In this covenant were engaged George Leslie the Pastor, & the following Brethren bearing the family names of Metcalf, Davis, Hibbert, Pike, Burpee, Abbot, Tenney, Perley, Smith, Fiske (John), Chaplain, Jewett. Revd. G. Leslie married a d. of Burpee. Leslie continued in his charge till 1779, thirty years & then from complaints of poverty & want of adequate support he had a dismission & recommendation with a good character to Washington in New Hampshire, where he was installed in 1780, & where he continued till he died. His manners were singular but Mr. Thayer the Catholic convert, told me his mind was powerful.

The place to which Mr. Leslie removed is back of Walpole & Charleston on Connecticut river, & on the third range of towns. Dr. Belnap had his installation in 1779, but he left Line Brook in that year & his wife's dismission is in 1780. Formerly Campdon. After Mr. Leslie left, Revd. Joseph Mottey, who settled at Lynnfield in 1783, had an invitation to settle but did not accept

& in 1783 Mr. Joshua Spaulding had an invitation but he came & settled at the Tabernacle Church in Salem in 1786 & has since removed to the Branch Church after a seperation in 1802. Revd. Gilbert Tennent Williams was ordained in Line Brook on 5 Aug. 1789. He has a wife & four sons & one amiable daughter. He has a stipulated salary of 75 pounds or 250 dollars & the rest he supplies with his industry by the aid of a rigid economy. According to Dr. Belnap, Simon Williams the Father, settled at Windham, New Hampshire in 1766. Dr. B. obtained no account of the population of the parish in which he was settled. The son settled in Windham, 23 years after in Line Brook. The History of Simon Williams of Windham, may be found [in this Diary] at the time of his death in November, 1793. It probably was during his tarry in the State or Colony of New Jersey that he contracted his friendship for G[ilbert] T[ennent] after whom he named his son, as this same G. T. had at that time great influence in that quarter, as the publications in that quarter will prove. Among the names of the first members of the Linebrook Church I found Burpe as the only one yet unknown to me. But upon my return to Salem Capt. B. Ward, one of the Assessors, told me that a tradesman of that name had been in Salem for several years & had been reported on their list by that name working in Court street. It proves however that Burpe is the Christian name of one Ames in Salem. He tells me that his father belonged to Rowley & his Grandmother's name was Burpe & that he bore his father's name Burpe Ames.

This evening I had the company of the R. I. Bishop, A. V. Griswold, Bishop of four New England States. He had been elected with a view to future arrangements, but his consecration became expedient & he is now upon the visitation of his Clergy. As he observed to me he was in fear of losing his Churches at Salem & Marblehead. He had visited Mr. Bowers & found the state of that Church, & came with him to visit Rev. Fisher of Salem. A very cold reception of Mr. Bowers at Mr. Fisher's drove him to my house & my wish to pay every honour to the modest virtues of the Bishop induced me to wait upon him & invite him to spend the evening at my house. I laid before him the return of Mr. Fisher from Nova Scotia, & his consequent disappointments & settlement at Salem. The sale of Revd. McGilchrist's Library & Legacy to his successor & the alienation of the Lands of St. Peter's Church, Salem, & the consequent events, assuring him that not a single family by defection had gone to the Cong[regational] Churches established when Mr. Fisher was received in Salem in 1782, but to the new seperatists of the town. After a few hours I waited upon the Bishop upon his return to Revd. Fisher's, & Mr. Bowers tarried among my friends for the night. The Bishop is upon his

way to Newburyport & Portsmouth eastward. He has a remarkable taciturnity but it appears natural to him.

31. The weather long lowry began in a rain Storm this morning about 10 o'clock & the wind had blown with some violence. Towards night the N. E. rainstorm set in with high wind. The tide was high at noon but it was higher at night as the wind began to rise & continued high till after midnight. We sustained no damage but from the tide which by injury to the wharves injured such buildings as were upon the exposed part of the wharves, & one barn was entirely destroyed by removing the foundation. The tide is said to have been the highest for several years & nearly three feet above our spring tides.

November 1 [1811]. The tide at noon was said to be higher than on the preceding noon & even than the night tide, while the weather was extremely calm & the wind standing at S. W. And yet it overflowed none of the Gardens between East & Essex streets in which boats might float at high tide when I came to Salem. None of the wharves suffered above the Long Derby wharf & the Blaney or Allen's wharf were sheltered by the Crowninshield. The little wharves in the Bason below suffered most.

Officers in the Militia Salem. The first Independent Company after the Revolution the Cadets. The Captains successively were:

1. Stephen Abbot, since M[ajor]. Gen[eral.], elected Capt. Dec. 6, 1786, resigned May 9, 1788.

2. John Saunders, since Major, el[ected] Capt. May 19, 1788, promoted Brig. Major, Aug. 1793.

3. Jonathan Hodges, el[ected] Capt. Sept. 10, 1793, resigned March, 1795.

4. Abel Lawrence, since Major, el[ected] Capt. March 17, 1795, resigned June, 1802.

5. Israel Williams, el[ected] Capt. July 5, 1802, resigned Feb. 1805.

6. Joseph Winn, el[ected] Capt. March 4, 1805, resigned Oct. 1808.

7. Ebenezer Bowditch, el[ected] Captain, Dec. 12, 1808.

This Company was organized in December, 1786.

3. Sunday. Notes. John Crowninshield, d. of the young friend to whom he was engaged in marriage, Sara Rea, & for his Mother, Sister of late E. H. Derby & d[daughter] of Richard Derby, dangerous sick by paralytic affection. In his late visit, the Bishop Dr. Griswold appeared fully sensible of the state of the Episcopal Churches in Salem & Marblehead, & observed with his usual modesty that he had his fears for these Churches. There is nothing in this section of our Country that forebodes good to Episcopacy. The singular conduct of Mr. Codman of Dorchester has made a council indispensable. For a time he refused that

discipline. Worcester & his friends have gone from Salem, but we may soon expect the issue of this long contention. By excluding from his pulpit the ministers of Boston & by admitting only the violent of the rigid sect, he has acted contrary to the wishes of a people who considered his wealth & opportunities & not his talents & opinions. They suffer for their haste & ignorance, & he for his indiscretion.

4. Capt. Ranney brought his Company again into Salem & they were reviewed in Union street by Gen. Brooks, Col. Smith & Col. Lee, Gen. B. of Medford, Col. S. of New York, & Col. Lee now Collector in Salem. We are all much pleased with this Company of 4 Reg. U. S. A. stationed in the County of Essex. This evening Col. [Perley] Putnam received his election as Col. of Salem Regiment, Col. [George] Dean having resigned. Major S. [G.] Derby was the person in rank, but superceded by these votes in favour of Major Putnam. This is considered as a triumph of the Republican party who have not had a Col. since the zeal of parties, Pickman, Archer & Dean having been in the opposition list. In 1783 we had no Brigadier at the peace & when I came to Salem, & no field officers for the Regiment, nor in 1784, nor in 1785, nor in 1786 were any returns made for our Salem Regiment. Things unsettled in 1787 & 1788 & 1789. In 1790, John Fiske was Brigadier General & he had been before Col. of the Regiment. After him Col. Abbott tho' no return had been made. Col. Abbott began the military reputation of the town at the head of the Cadets, the first volunteer Company after the War. In 1791, Fiske remained Brigadier & S. Abbot Col. of the Regiment with John Page L. Col. & J. Harthorne, Major. In 1792 as in 1791. In 1793, Fiske became Major General of the Second Division including [the] County of Essex. In 1794, Abbot had succeeded him as Brigadier General. In 1795 it was the same & in 1796, J. Harthorne became Lieut. Colonel of Salem Reg. In 1797, Fiske resigned as Major Gen. & Abbot succeeded him. In 1798 the Regiment was without officers. In 1797, Gideon Foster of Danvers, succeeded Gen. Abbot as Brigadier Gen. In 1799 no officers of the Salem Regiment reported. In 1800 in the same state & in 1801. In 1802, Eliphalet Davis, B. Gen. & Elias Hasket Derby, Lt. Col. Comm[anding] & B. Pickman & W. Prescott, Majors, in the new Arrangement, & Gideon Foster, Major General of the Division. In 1803 as in 1802, in the Staff & the Regiment. In 1804, E. H. Derby became Brigadier General & B. Pickman Col. of the Regiment, & W. Prescott & E. S. Lang, Majors. All these appointments are supposed to be made in the preceeding year & given to the public in the next year. In 1805, John Ropes takes the place of W. Prescott as Major & so commissions stand in 1806. In 1807, General James Bricket of Haverhill, succeeds Foster as



COL. STEPHEN ABBOT.
1749-1813.

**From the oil portrait owned by Miss Charlotte A.
Chase of Salem.**

Major General & Samuel Archer is Col. of Salem Regiment with George Dean & Samuel Swett as Majors, & so it continued in 1808. In 1809 the same. In 1810, E. H. Derby succeeds Bricket as Major General, & Ebenezer Goodale of Danvers, succeeds E. H. Derby as Brigadier General. In 1811, George Dean becomes Col. of Salem Regiment & S. G. Derby & Perley Putnam Majors. In this year Major General Derby resigns & George Dean as Col. of Salem Regiment. After the Cadets arose an Artillery Company under Capt. Zadoc Buffington who was an excellent Officer, & who had been, as Abbot, in the Revolutionary army. Within a few years we had had two Independent Companies besides a troop of Horse. In 1808, John Fairfield was Captain of our Cavalry. In 1809, John Fairfield became Major. In 1810, John White was Captain after his Brother Joseph. Mr. Amos Hovey, who succeeded Buffington in the Artillery, is now Col. of Artillery. Salem Light Infantry, James King, Capt. 1811. Mechanic Light Infantry. A Uniform Company of Youths below Military age has appeared to keep alive the Military Spirit & have taken the name of Washington Rangers.

5. The Supreme Court in Salem this day. The most interesting subject of conversation is Mrs. Norris' will. Preparations are making for the New Goal in this town. We have had several arrivals from Russia & the Baltic lately & these are some relief under our multiplied Commercial evils. When I came to Salem in 1783, the present Commerce would have been [satisfactory] but the full tide of prosperity has made Commerce insatiable. Col. Edward Proctor, æt. 78, who died last week at Boston, was son of Deacon Proctor of the Old North Church & I have known him from my infancy. He has been uniformly attached to the principals of the American revolution & part of the last evening I spent with my Father we spent with the Colonel. After the revolution he was for some time a vendue master, & in the latter part of life he made his circumstances easy by a marriage with a daughter of Gibbs Atkins of Bridge's Lane, & he lived in Joshua Steel's house in Bennett Street. He was a sincere, active & firm man, & never degenerated till the close of a long life as a Patriot.

7. The lower floor of the Stone Goal in Salem, is now laying upon stone work eight feet deep. The building 64 by 38. S. Silsbee has been again brought before the Grand Jury & a bill found for voting twice at a late public election in Salem. This will only serve to agitate parties & is carried on by Major S. G. Derby who was in nomination this week as Col. & lost his election.

8. A Committee from the General Court in the subject of a petition from Danvers for a Bridge to pass North River below the Lower Mills on Danvers line. As the Bridge was to be in Salem, the petition was an extraordinary one when they had a Bridge al-

ready in Danvers. But the object was to save a small sum which had been agreed to be due to the Mill proprietors to keep the Bridge at the Mills in repair & the proprietors offered to take the annual sum of five dollars. The Bridge will probably fail under existing circumstances. The affair of Mrs. Norris will interest the public & it is now upon hearing in the Supreme Court in this Town. Judges on the bench Sedgwick, Sewall & Parker. The Council best on both sides.

10. Sunday. Notes. Hanna MacEwen & children, J. of her Son at Sea. P. also for B. at Sea, Penn. Townsend. Son John died in N. York Hospital, æt. 19. John Octrum & wife, he returned from sea & she with son born. A number of the Clergy interested in the Andover Institution are now in Salem to attend the case of Mrs. Norris' will, of which the witnesses have been examined & the pleas are reserved for Monday. This shameful haunting of the beds of the dying brings just reproach upon the order of Clergy & exposes them to great contempt. Witnesses, Ministers, all concerned had an interest in the event, the Ministers for thousands & the Institute for 60 thousand, & the Church to which she belonged a full share.

11. This day was spent in court upon the subject of Mrs. Norris' will. Mr. Dexter in an able manner exposed the shameful practice of haunting the bed of the dying, & let the world see the conduct upon this occasion. Otis proved to the satisfaction of the jury that whatever influence was used the woman did consent & so the will is approved, only the 30 th. D. for the Asiatic Charity is not confirmed, as the 30 th. D. for Andover, because no society did exist to receive it & so that sum may probably be recovered for the heirs in another suit. Another of the vile transactions of fanaticism in our times. The Jury agreed at three in the morning. So we see that Ministers proposing, witnesses invited, & all heirs excluded, fanaticism triumphs.

12. The heirs of Mrs. Norris are not content & this day the Council for the heirs are to move the Court for another hearing upon the charge of fraud & undue influence. It is a large estate & hungry lawyers who are better entitled to share than imposing priests & fanatical institutions. The public mind is filled with this business. It is said that the prime agent Dr. Hopkins, has said they would not have gotten it had he not done the business for them.

13. This day from some domestic arrangements I resigned my seat at the table. A. G. S. by whom I suffered at Cambridge & Williamsburg & whom I disapprove for forcing my locks, takes my place with consent of the family.

14. The changes already made in our commerce have diminished the hopes of our Citizens so that many houses are for sale

at the present moment but such for sale chiefly as were kept up for prices. Two of Mr. Grays, two of Mr. Derbys, one of Williams, of Little, Phippen, &c., not from any change of times only. The public opinion assigns one cause for all the contingencies tho' deaths & prior orders might be assigned. The many failures & embarrassments have obliged our sober citizens no longer to look out for palaces, but such humble tenements as suited their forefathers in the same employments. We have lost no merchant or person with a Capital stock, from the want of trade, since the Embargo.

17. Sunday. Note. Hanna Barnes & her Children, d. of her Brother Benja. Driver of Salem, æt. 52. Her husband Major Barnes is living, but useless in his habits. J. Brown in South Fields, had left Worcester & the Baptists & had joined the Methodists with whom he became a deacon, idle, & going from house to house. Last week he was detected in having drawn under a false name two hundred dollars from their funds. So much loss to them. This adds to the mystic deacons another disgracing his profession since the late fanaticism & makes the tenth in the whole number. The Agent in the New House of Universalists has not cast his accounts fairly. These notices are kept not for slander but to prove that morality is not indeed promoted by religious convulsions of any name.

18. Last Saturday died Capt. Joseph Franks. His Father a Corsican & his Mother from the Island of Jersey. I found them in Salem when I came to it in 1783, and esteeming the integrity of the Father, who was then indigent, I took the expences of the Schools for the Son, Capt. Gibaut received him from me & educated him for the sea & his prospects were good. His habits for a time rendered his success doubtful but as they were induced by losses they were not unsurmountable. He had good dispositions & talents & was in great esteem. A long sickness & Consumption terminated his life, & he left a Wife & Child. He had acquired a considerable property which he lost by some adventures & much reduced the sums which his Father had accumulated. But he did not die poor & his Father with his humble cart & the rich donations of Capt. Gibaut will be able to render his wife & child comfortable. Joseph was 29 years of age.

21. Thanksgiving Day but a rainy day which diminished the Congregation & one fourth of the Contribution which was only 73 dollars. This Thanksgiving day will be memorable for the opposition of the Clergy. Never since the days of Hutchinson did so many refuse to read it, because it says "who has favoured us with the Clergy (with few exceptions) whose conduct is influenced by the mild, benign & benevolent principles of the Gospels, & whose example is a constant admonition to such Pastors & professors of

Christianity as are too much under the guidance of passion, prejudice & worldly delusion." When it was read at Cambridge, the Students of the College made open disturbance & when called to account were told by the President to assign their reasons. 37 out of the whole addressed the Gov. on the subject & denied their concurrence & had a kind letter from the Governour. We hear in Boston & in several towns the Ministers refused to read it. And one in Salem, Worcester, the exile from Fitchburg & the Opposer of Unitarians, Universalists & Baptists. It is supposed he aims at an establishment at Andover. We are told this measure has not given content in his Congregation. We hear that several other ministers of the County refused to read it. We may expect a more particular history of this unseasonable opposition. This evening, from Marshfield, we hear of the shipwreck of the Brig Success of this Town, from Russia, Capt. Tobias Lear Porter. The Captain, Mate, & four hands perished. Two were saved. The Vessel probably lost. Cargo of hemp, duck & iron saved. Brant rock. In regard to the Proclamation, besides the declaration by one Minister of Essex that he would read it on Thanksgiving day, that it was not fit for the Sabbath, another, finding his Congregation disposed to disturb from some remarks made, stopped in the reading & said he would not read what was disagreeable to them. This same man had a Council upon him for abuse of his wife of the lowest kind.

24. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Sarah Franks, d. of her husband Capt. Joseph Franks, æt. 29. Joseph Franks & wife & daughters, d. of his only Son. The father Joseph Franks came from Corsica in the year of the peace of 1763 and was born in Corsica in 1737, now aged 73 & able to labour. His wife Rachel Nichols came from the Island of Jersey to the family of Capt. Mason of Marblehead, the same year. Joseph had been in the sea service & sailed, after he came from Corsica to America, 3 years from Philadelphia & 3 from the northern ports, & married in 1770. In the siege of Boston his wife moved to Andover while he was at sea & continued upon his return & had most of their children there. Just before the peace of 1783 he came to Danvers near the Lower Meeting House & there his son Joseph was born. They then removed to Salem & after some time purchased a House & their daughter, living with Capt. John Gibaut both in Salem & at Gloucester, after the death of the family without direct heirs, she received a handsome legacy from the estate which added to the comfort of the whole family who had richly deserved this favour from their virtues. The mother became deranged in 1785, but not so as to be unfit for all service. An absence of mind without evil propensities. The daughters married miserably, but are free from their husbands by consent, & one is with the parents & the other in a house belonging to him. I have noticed this family more particu-

larly as a good example of what the sincerity of character, without any education in any art, can do with the honest virtues, industry, perseverance, discretion & patience. The old man now labours daily with his [shoemaker's] last & does not change his habits from his abundance. The Society for Christian Knowledge meet on Wednesday & their President, Rev. Eliphalet Pearson of Andover, the ejected or would be President of Harvard College, is to deliver a discourse in Channing's Meeting House, Federal street. Much is said of their distribution & many are urged to be present at their contributions. They feel, they say, encouraged to proceed.

25. Col. [George] Dean has returned to his employment of teaching Mifford's Art of writing & is soon to leave Salem. The bold plans of education are all abandoned upon the first changes in our Commercial affairs. [Jacob] Knap's School has wrought no wonders & is soon to cease. The rival school has new masters. Most of the private schools are thin & several school houses shut & sold. Our Forte pianos are advertised. A School is proposed for the flute & flageolet, but few apply. The whole air of extravagance is gone & the Common schools are better filled. There is no less genius, talent & energy from increasing Industry than from plans without application & without resources.

27. The Season has the character of winter. Mr. [Joseph] Story has at length reached the bench of Judges of U. S. A. This promotion is a seasonable relief when his political reputation has deserted him. The Legis[ature] M[ass.] had determined upon a new arrangement of the Courts to increase the popular influence. By the aid of the Speaker* the Committee of 20 had 14 Gentlemen of the Law. They agreed among themselves to promote only men of the faculty & one of the three in each court, Federalist. The Republicans, even of the Committee, knew nothing of this & the Speaker promoted his own Father in law,† a Federalist, & indulged Mr. [Joseph E.] Sprague, a lawyer without talents, as a Clerk, & his Father in law as High Sheriff. The Outline was so bold & the measures so plain that all understood them. The Speaker also advised the New Clerk to petition the Judges opposed to the administration for his Seat, which he actually did by this advice. A petition from our best Republicans went on to the Governour against the only measure which could be changed, against the continuance in office of the Old High Sheriff. But as if this were not enough, Mr. Fuller being nominated for the session court from Lynn, & being from Fuller the third, was substituted to the first, as if by error & the recommendation of the friends of the first went for the third who was appointed. This conduct associated with a succession of insults had determined

*Joseph Story.

†William Wetmore.

the Republicans never to give him another vote. The General Government has now made all the resolutions of its friends unnecessary by providing for their enemy more honourably. Such are the vexations to which the public mind is subject by the intrigues of men who escape shipwreck & the gallows.

28. The Ship Fame, from Sumatra, belonging to the Crown-inshields, has reached this Port this day. They have lost their property almost as fast as they collected it from their unsuccessful enterprises. Some taken, some detained, some foundered, some upon false credit, & some from over stocked markets. These things are different from what they have been in past years when we might risk anything without danger. This day the Margaret, case of insurance for the same house, obtained. The master gave up half at Naples to save the rest. The half was claimed of the Insurance tho' the other half foundered. Others at Naples gave up two thirds & three quarters to save thrift.

29. Market has been full & provisions at good price. Fowls & turkeys at 7 Cents. Beef, flour & grain up, pork not so high. The low price of poultry from crowding the market at thanksgiving. Common price [of] poultry, 10 Cents. Fish market not good as it ought to be. Boston flour, 10 D. Corn, south, 80, north, 90. Rye, 100 Cts. Coffee very low.

December 1 [1811]. Sunday. Note. William Foye & wife, d. of her Brother. This was John Chapell, æt. 23, one of the unhappy men who perished with Capt. Porter of the Brig Success of Salem, the whole number lost being six persons. The Brig was lost at Marshfield on Wednesday night, Nov. 20. Five were saved. The Sufferer, as did several of his Companions, belonged to Marblehead.

Dr. Matignon in Town. He & Bp. Chevereaux make monthly visits to Salem, so that our few Catholics begin to know each other. A Methodist Deacon by a fraud & false signature in South fields, laid his hand upon two hundred dollars of their funds. This is a bad beginning. The Methodists made many attempts to enter into Salem but could not till all the prevailing sects had entered. Not long since the Open Baptists had thoughts of removing from the East part of the town & to purchase a neglected house in South Fields. They assembled in that part but could not make the purchase. Upon abandoning the ground, the Methodists have occupied it by lay brethren in private houses. Both my Deacons absent from indisposition which has not happened before since my induction in 1783 & seldom one of them. The eldest is past 78 years & the other past 73, both useful.

Last Wednesday was dedicated at Lynn, the New Methodist Meeting House built in the Eastern part of the Town. It was built early in the past season & some doubts were entertained to what Communion it would belong. But the first Methodist Meet-

ing House upon the Common has not been large enough for the people of that Communion. This is a mile eastward & not far beyond the Quaker meeting house. They are called the Second Methodist Society & all the Pews at the Sale produced 950 dollars more than the appraisement according to the account published in the Centinel. The Sales were on the next day. Before the Methodists came, the whole of the old Parish gave a poor maintenance to a Minister.

3. The Little thefts multiply from the wants of the poor. A poor pig was rescued this night by his noise, with his head half cut off. Mr. Watson lost all the pork of his barrel & new cautions become necessary. I remember when the Hemmenways of Boston carried off a hog of 400 weight from the sty of my Grandfather & were traced upon the snow & had to serve 10 years in the Romney ship of war, to rid the town of them, as the best punishment.

4. The wanton act of yesterday was traced to a foolish & deranged boy of the neighbourhood. Upon killing the pig, the injury was found to have been done by a saw which the boy used at his daily labours when mind & body did permit. Our neighbours of Lynn have been tried for a Riot in assembling while the Officer removed some impediments which had been thrown into a high way. Judge Sewall pressed earnestly in the Jury what might happen but the Jury acquitted the citizens because nothing happened. One Butler, Author of the Scourge, has been committed to prison for six months upon an indictment for libels upon the Governour & other citizens. A poor Frenchman, condemned for stealing, to the Penitentiary has written to me repeatedly that he is hardly dealt with, that he was a Gentleman in his own country & well educated & only ran away with a Chaise & some property he liked. That he shall complain to Bonaparte for the ill treatment he receives in being deprived of his liberty. It is said his Attorney could make no plea for him but he addressed the Court in Latin & discovered that his claims to education were better than to honesty. My friends advised me to proceed not.

8. Sunday. The death of Madam Susanna Ingersoll, a descendant from the Hollingsworths, English, & Tousel, deceased last Friday evening and she has left an only Brother John Harthorne. This morning I was with her only daughter who has been beset by the Col's family with the ferocity of tigers. They insisted upon entrance into the house & apartments. The daughter had swooned upon the death of her mother & was very low. I took such charge as she desired me for which I expect their vengeance. No prohibition could keep them out of the house. We talk of savages. What are we without our Laws & penalties.

9. Funeral of Mad[am] Ingersoll. The Col's family insist upon keeping the house. Col. Pickman & Elder Beckford, Capt's

White, Stone, Townsend & Elkins supported the pall. Our company of the best & therefore not the largest. I first hid the money & then the keys. So much for hungry expectants & for having the intended heirs debtors. It was a curious scene to me. The daughter sick, as she says, in her prison.

10. My Frenchman who has written me many letters & who has proved that he had not merely a common education & says he was of consequence in France, who has played the merchant, the French Gentleman & Spanish Consul for a long time successfully, tells me that he is to go for the Penitentiary for four years & that they have made no provision for his wife. It is said he made his plea in the court handsomely & he tells me in a letter he shall inform the French Executive of his fate. This singular event & well deserved fate I have heard without reply.

12. We received the Gov's proclamation in consequence of a threatening to burn him with fire if he did not set at liberty the Author of the Scourge, a libel, the author of which was in close imprisonment under the sentence of the Law. This Letter is a warning to those who preach & teach disobedience to our Government. The insult to the Proclamation for Thanksgiving has not a little aided this licentiousness.

13. The Brook on the Neck still runs free from ice with great comfort to those who feel the want of labour & the expence of fuel. One Ward making trouble with our honest little printer Mr. Palfray. Mr. Bowditch with me much pleased to find his calculation not widely different from those published from the French Institute by Burkhardt.

15. Sunday. Snowy & cold day. Notes. Elizabeth Thomas & two Daughters, d. of her only son. William, the Father, lost his Family many years since & married again in N. Carolina. He had possessed a house in Union Street, afterwards purchased by Capt. Johnson Briggs & now held by his heirs, & he married a Stillman, sister of Capt. Briggs & had been a master of a Vessel. He wrote to his family lately, as his second wife had died, to come to him & this son Appleton went & was drowned going up the River from Wilmington to Beaufort where the father lived. He went with Gam[maliel] Ward from Salem. He had not been discreet in his habits & the Son was without employment.

Sara Beckford & only Child & daughter, d. of her Brother Samuel Chever, æt. 41, & for her Father Samuel Chever, infirm. This young man, an only Son, married G. Osborn's daughter & was a Tanner in the Western part of the Town as the Father was at the Corner of the Common from Brown's to Winter Street. He was unsteady & went to the West Indies & the Southern states, & finally returned to Salem to die. His wife & 3 children have continued in Salem under the care of her Father & friends. The

only child left, S. Beckford, has her own father & mother with her in her own house in Curtis street. He is much distressed by the Gout, has suffered from a Cancer, & is very much enfeebled.

Susanna Ingersoll, d. of her Mother. The only surviving Child. She is a direct descendant from Hollingworth & English by Tousel & Harthorne. The history of the family, [see] Sermon, 1801. The daughter is in a very distressed situation having many mortifications to aggravate her sympathies from the indiscretion of the remaining branches of the family. The event is of a singular character hereafter to be known.

17. My old Friend Gen. Varnum put up at Mr. B. C[rowninshield.] I did not see him when in Salem. I since learn he sends the Documents to B. C. Last Saturday died in Salem, Joseph Robie, Esqr. æt. 82. I was not acquainted with this venerable man till his return from Nova Scotia to which he retired in the American revolution. He was one of those peaceable & upright Citizens who were associated with the enemies of our Independence & who, awed by their fears, retired as they thought from danger, incapable of ungenerous sentiments. As soon as he thought it safe he returned. His wife, of the family of Bradstreet, died in Salem a few years since. He has a sister, the Widow Higginson, who has survived him & is about eighty years of age. Mr. Robie has been a Hardware Merchant, to whom we went to find the best things & things not in the present fashion, but once deemed the best things. He was venerable in his appearance, modest, mindful of every obligation, & friendly in his deportment to all persons & at all times. His virtues attached to him the friendship of our principal citizens with whom he was associated in their several clubs & particularly with Dr. Holyoke who is of the same age. His manners & mind were not adapted to the bustle of the world but they universally inspired, wherever known, respect & confidence. He was a man of reading & reputation and conscientiously scrupulous in public worship. Mr. T. Robie was son of a Dr. Robie of Salem, who died at the time of the birth of the Son & was born in Salem. The Physician & Father from Boston. The Merchant went early to his friends in Boston & served with Spooner, a Hardware Merchant, & opened his store afterwards in Marblehead, & married the Daughter of Revd. Bradstreet of that town. Here he continued till the American Revolution & then he retired to Nova Scotia. After the war in 1785 he returned & came to Salem, & continued in his business with reputation till his death.

19. Died in Salem, Sampson Augustus a Negro and Painter by trade. He had better claims on the public favour than Negroes as they are commonly found among us, & better talents.

20. We had the unexpected news of the failure of the House

of Higginson, part of the firm being in London & part in Boston. The Failure is announced in London of a large amount. The failure not so interesting as the influence which this house has had in taking the lead against our own government in all domestic agitations. The family is descended from Salem & is at the head of the Essex Junto, so called. The most daring & outrageous in political cabals of any family in the Union & by their supposed great wealth and great sacrifices, they have done much evil.

23. We had an uncommonly pleasant day. Capt. Ranney dined with me & without ladies we walked down & took tea at the Fort with Lieut. Grenough. Capt. Ranney after sundown went in his barge with his daughter to fort Sewall. The month of December has been hitherto very pleasant. The air was like spring & the ground wet under our feet from the late rains. Not a single notice of Winter appeared. But on 24, at night the wind changed instantly from S. to N. & a terrible snow storm set in & continued the whole of this day. The snow lays at great depth & few venture from their houses. No person now appears to fear whether we shall have winter. On Sunday, Col. [Samuel] Archer sailed for West Indies. He has succeeded in obtaining assignees for his property for the benefit of Creditors. His affairs are not settled & he has now gone out of sight an example of the public credulity & of a vile imposture. Besides obligations to the banks he has injured many families who can never relieve their situations.

26. Letter from Dr. Waterhouse relative to Lt. Gov. Gray's exalted Charity of Vaccine for all Sailors, gratis. The L. Gov. instituted & solely supports the Charity by the man who discovered it to our Country. I have a letter of this date from the L. G. requesting a concurrence in the design of this enlightened Charity, & I have done everything I could conceive proper. The only Physician named, to whom I am to introduce Dr. W[aterhouse] is Dr. Mussey. I know not the reason of this selection. Dr. W. speaks highly of his success & of the number of persons who have applied in Boston. An account will probably be given in some future communication to the public. Dr. W. says in his Letter "Ten or a dozen apply in one day & Mr. Gray pays the expences of it." L[ieut.] G[ov.] says "This will be handed you by my friend Dr. Waterhouse who we think excels in Vaccination." And after mentioning Smallpox as brought into Salem he adds "If he can be useful it will make both him & me happy. Such Seamen as incline to accept the Inoculation gratis may have it of the Dr. at my Expence." We have had the Small pox lately in Salem, supposed from imported Books, among a number of men employed with carts & trucks who are now at the Hospital on the Neck. It is surprising how negligently such a kind institution as the Vaccine has been received & that death from the small pox in all

parts of the United States is still frequent. Such are our habits, to make work for reformers, & checks on the excesses.

27. Dr. Waterhouse with me & the Town Cryer had before noon given notice of his errand. He is to make his first visit from 2 P. M. to 2 P. M. on the morrow as the first experiment in Salem. He afterwards assured me that he had 56 applications on the first day which I deem happy success in a place of which it is said often last, tho' never least. The Health Committee has decided that no just alarm exists from the State of the Town from the two men from New York, & now at the Hospital, & have given public notice accordingly in the public papers.

29. Sunday. A cold day & consequently a thin congregation. At home we hear more of Missionary Societies than of anything else. Contributions have been lately made in Salem & elsewhere for an Almanac called the Clergyman's, for our State for 1812, the more secretly & securely to carry prejudice to the people is a prayer purporting to have been from one of the candidates for the Missions, proving or asserting why it is better to go to the east, than west, propagating the Gospel in foreign parts. This Candidate from the Divinity College in Andover.

January 1, 1812. We have no domestic incidents to introduce the year. We have more fanaticism than anything else at the moment. The Universalists had a Christmas lecture on Sunday & the Predestinarians a lecture this evening. The one was a very cold day & the other a very wet one but they assembled. The Missionary Schemes are introducing into Salem at this time.

5. Sunday. Note. Daniel Ledbetter, from Sea, d. of his Mother. She died among us in April last. The General Bill of the Town discovers greater health, but since the Embargo & Non intercourse there is a diminished population & necessarily where the Commerce is not from the adjacent country, but from the mercantile enterprise altogether. The increase of sects has also lessened the respective societies & our own by separating those who are found in the bills of mortality & are not in any other way known to a parish Register. The economy of life has also diminished the cause of diseases. In my whole bill I reckon 978 deaths & 99 above 70 years. The mean of annual deaths must be 36. The Deaths this year fewer but not less heavy. An Aged Magistrate, an able Physician, a Useful Printer, two Masters of Vessels, a venerable Matron representative of an antient family. The last of the aged sons of our former Deacons, a bond of Union to a large family, two revenue Officers, several venerable Widows, & some good mothers in active life who have left children. Two good fathers of families, one at home & one abroad. We have been less afflicted by the Sects than in the past year, death a less evil. There is a general change of condition. More in town gone to

superstition, than to fanaticism, & the latitudinarianism has courted superstition. Four immersions this year by Ana-baptists & more deserted than influenced or converted by them. The head of the Eastern Sect leaves us. Human nature the same, tho' it change its habits. Ignorant teachers have more influence than formerly & when men do not come to increase knowledge they increase sorrow.

Revd. Joseph Emerson who died lately at Reading æt. 77, was graduated at Cambridge in 1736 but never was ordained in any parish. He officiated as Chaplain at Castle William & afterwards was in the missions to the Isle of Shoals. He afterwards became infirm & perhaps imprudent & died in the arms of his children. He was known to me. He was a man of a humane temper.

7. By an Invitation from Capt. Ranney I passed from Fort Pickering to Fort Sewall in the barge to dine at Fort Sewall. The weather was pleasant & the passage agreeable, more particularly as the roads were very difficult to pass from the snow. We had a very elegant & very rich dinner. The Officers were at table, Lieut. Grenough & his wife & Lieut. Concklin. Mr. Wilson & his daughter honoured us with their company. He is the Collector of the Port. H. C. was with me from Salem. The D. of Capt. Ranney did the honours of the table. Never was a table more richly laden or in a better style. We had not time even to look at all the articles provided for us. We returned in season by the barge & were landed at Crowninshield Wharf.

9. The weather has been very stormy on our coast. A coasting vessel reports that she had been on her beam ends three times, blown off 4 times, &c.

10. In this town the state of Commerce has much lessened the number of parties of pleasure this winter and the disposition for exclusive pleasures in parties has brought together such as have not the greatest scruples, tho' with less elegance than exclusive parties has shewn in our Assembly rooms.

13. Died suddenly, Capt. John Dodge of this Town, æt. 45. He was eminent in his trade as a Mason particularly in the construction & disposition of Stoves, & was in the act of preparing one in an Office in Salem when he expired. He lived formerly near Salem line in Danvers & was Capt. of Artillery. He fixed the first stoves introduced last year into the meeting Houses of Salem & was deservedly esteemed for his talents & his virtues which have brought much sympathy at his death. He had repeatedly complained of spasms in the breast, & they had returned frequently & violently & with out previous notice lately.

15. Gov. Gerry's speech is full of decision on all points. It is in this way only he can have support. An opposition with a thousand arts will allow of no obscurity in his path. The Letters written to him & President Adams are insulting. But how many

of this kind have I received in my humble attempts to defend our Laws?

17. Weather preparing for the severity of winter. Mr. [Joseph] Story resigns as Speaker of H. of Rep & Mr. Riply obtains over Mr. Benjamin Crowninshield by a small majority. This is imputed to the double dealing of the late speaker who boasted to an opposition man that by his appointment to the Bench he had now finished his political career & abandoned politics & politicians. His address at his resignation is not far from a public expression of the same sentiment. So deluded have been our politicians from the proud show of talents as to remove one of the old family of Winthrop, lost from the Council, by driving from the bench a most approved patriot, establishing a precedent that Law characters only should be judges of Courts supplying the supreme bench with a man who will maintain the prejudices of the judiciary & Executive which it was their ambition to shun only to gratify a fawning sycophant & one of the most vile of men. The arts of this wretch have been too successful & they have been endless. He has made his political friends promote his own father, whom they knew to be their political enemy & has so far confounded their plans as to frustrate all their designs & when he was abandoned by all who knew him, is delivered to another Circle to accomplish himself in mischief.

18. Minutes from papers of Capt. B. Ward of Salem. Joshua Ward was born in the town of Hythe in the County of Kent, England, & came to New England soon after the first settlement in Salem & was lost in the Shallop fishery about 1678. He left issue Joshua who was killed by a Cart passing over his neck in the Salem Great Pasture at the age of 12 years. A Daughter who married Mr. Moses was drowned in a well. One Daughter married a Mr. Collins. One Daughter married a Mr. Pittman. Miles Ward, the person who gave the information here recorded, was born in 1672 & died August 20, 1764, *æt.* 92 1-2 years, was the son of the above Joshua Ward. Miles had issue, Sons Joshua, Miles, John & Ebenezer. Ebenezer the Father of my Informant was born April 10, 1710 & died 7 January, 1791 *æt.* 81. Rachel Pickman, wife of said Ebenezer, was born 25 July, 1717 & married at twenty-one years of age & died January 9, 1789 aged 72 years. Their Children were Ebenezer, the above named, Benjamin, Sarah, Caleb, Miles, Rachel, Abigail, Elizabeth & Sarah.

19. Sunday. Mr. Benjamin Ward says, My Grandfather Miles Ward about the year 1760 called on me to provide a Chaise to ride around the town of Salem. He first told me to drive to the Neck. I asked him where the Street was laid out? He answered that there was no street, but a Swamp from Mr. Higginson's land at the western part of the Common down to the Cove

north of Neck Gate, as it then was from Essex Street. That when a Cart went from the Garrison on the Neck to Town it passed south of the Swamp & the Houses were afterwards built along this Cartway, tho' there was a Wharf on the Creek back of Mr. Gerrish's House, at which the shallops took in their stores, & a lane went over Virgin point to the Cove called Shallop Cove in which the Shallops were laid up for winter. Gerrish's is at the entrance of East street now & Shallop Cove between Pickman & Andrews st. On the Neck he told me there was a Row of Cottages from the point of Rocks down to the Causeway to Winter Island. He shewed me Mr. Abbot's place for his Fish house & Fish street passed to Fish street Wharf which was about 20 rods northerly of the present Winter Island wharf. (J. W. B. assisted to remove the foundation of this wharf.)

Mr. Ward said his G. F. told him that the Island was filled with fish flakes. Coming from the Neck he shewed me where the North Block House stood, & that Palisades were set from the Watch house to low water mark. I asked him where low water mark was. He said the River above the Bar was all a salt marsh excepting the Channels & one channel passed round Roache's point on the Neck towards the Block House & continued round to the Creek northward of the then Neck Gate. That to cross the channel was up to a man's breast or Neck in water at low water after he was a man grown. I asked him how the Channel was filled up. He told me that there was a piece of land between Shallop wharf & Shallop Cove, eastward of the lane, which contained about five acres, which was washed away into the cove & had filled up the channels. That the South River was Salt Marsh all above the point by Mr. Elvin's the point now eastward of the Derby wharf, excepting only the Channels & breaches into the Cove. At Daniel's street he told me if I would pass by Palfrey's in Derby Street he would inform me how the river ran when he was young. When we reached the bottom of Curtis street, he said, where the flats now are was a point of upland from Elvins land so near to Long point on the opposite side as to leave only a narrow passage for the River. The Channel at the point turned to the Cove between Daniel's & Curtis' streets & this Cove was first called Palfrey's from one Palfrey who first made fish there & the Channel passed out of the Cove towards stage point, as where the rocks now are seen, below that point, was upland, where the Channel passed Giggles Island, was a break to the eastward to this cove of Palfrey, where Mr. Daniels built & launched Vessels. That there was a low Swampy piece of land westward of the Cove with a brook which entered the Cove in the wet part of the season. The North Channel was nearly direct in its western course to the Burying point & then turned northerly round a piece of marsh &

thence to the Mill Pond. The Channel between Stage point & Giggie's Island, upon which is now Union Wharf below Union street passed by the place in which Vessels are careened at this time into a Cove, & then turned out by a long point opposite Ward's Wharf or near the bottom of Washington street, & there united with the North Channel. The whole space above the point of land at Elvin's where the flats now are was Salt Marsh, excepting only the Channels. A Breach through the Marsh went into Elder Browne's Cove, below Walnut & Elm streets, & another into Ingall's Cove on this side the Burying point, & another into the Cove at the Town house lane, now Washington street up to Hugh Peter's Cottage, or the entrance of Barton's Square & another up Ruck's Creek now called the Creek Court. He explained the cause of this change in the following manner. At the Settlement the Neck & the Winter island were a Timber forest to the edge of the Water. The first thing done was to clear the Neck & winter Island of their forest to dry their fish & to fortify the neck with two block houses. When the Neck was clear of trees the North East winds which before reached only to Pickering's Point, on the southeast point of the southfields, had a full course through the Cove between the Neck & Island & over the lower part of the neck by the block house, Becket's & Hardy land so as to make an entire breach through Elvin's land to Giggie's Island, & having a breach through the point of land from Elvin's, the Cross Channel was filled up. In the Channels there was no difference in the depths of water excepting at the Spring tides when the water passed by the south channel northward. & went up the north channel & made that best. But at Neap tides the water not flowing so fast & passing up both Channels they were equal excepting that the South was winding & the north was more direct. After the breach through the point at Elvin's, Foot's House which was on the Point, with other houses, was washed down by the storms & in a few years became flats. When the Cross Channel was filled up the Merchants had some difficulty in getting up to the Wharf in Elder Browne's cove & then contemplated the building of a Wharf on Giggie's Island & the Channel arch in the Union wharf was made where the North Channel was, & to the southward Major Price built his wharf across the Channel.

The extreme cold & continuance of the Snow obliges us to keep within doors. We had a Royal Arches Chapter consecrated last Wednesday in Salem. There has been one at Newburyport a long time, at which I was initiated & another has been several years at Boston. We have now one in Salem. This is not Masonic as only one should exist in the State. At the head of the Washington R. A., as it is named, is C. Turner, the Universal

Minister & he gave the address on the occasion. Upon his first coming to Salem he was often in the Essex Lodge. The new Establishment has now much more of his favour, & he has interested many of our youth in it. The increase of these Associations impoverishes them & all their members & brings disgrace especially when filled with Minors or very young men.

21. Last Friday was interred Capt. John Dodge. His sudden death gave Turner's adversary Worcester, an opportunity to give a funeral Sermon & as the corpse, a thing unusual in Salem, was carried into the Tabernacle, an opportunity much to Worcester's wishes & he improved it for he followed his friend Griffith into all the fury of description & gave Hell all the terror he could invent. These furious invectives, as they are called, against the Universalists only render religion contemptible. As a Seaman expressed it, Why should he be at liberty to sell brimstone without a license? Worcester's friend Griffith at Boston went to Holley to dissuade him from preaching at the late ordination at Braintree because he was not fit, Holley told him. That if G. would not go, he would not. G. replied that it was his duty to go. Worcester is of this gang.

23. My friend Obadiah Rich lately returned from his five years travel in Europe, has informed of his arrival in Boston & of his wish to exchange some valuable Charts for the duplicates in the Salem E. I. M. Museum of such shells as may serve to complete his own Collection in Conchology to which he says he has paid particular attention in his travels. I sought for the late Master Capt. J. Nichols but did not find him. Mr. N. Bowditch the Mathematician, who takes a deep interest in the Museum, told me that Capt. Jonathan Hodges was Master elect. Upon some conversation with the members he informed me that the reluctance shewn in such things heretofore were from the want of proper indemnification, the requests being rather to beg than exchange. Mr. Bowditch is to call upon Mr. O. Rich in Boston.

24. This day a Son of Gov. Gerry & Mr. Robinson of Tennessee, pupils at Cambridge with A. Dunlap, dined with me. The severe cold began to mitigate. We have examples throughout the Country of persons frozen to death. One black man in his hovel & one child in the Old Almshouse perished in Salem. This Almshouse is not under the Town's care, but an old building left for the poor without rent. I accompanied my young friends in their visit to the Museum & to the Athenaeum & found a printed Catalog of the Books in the latter.

26. Sunday. A strange contrast to the past Sunday, in the weather, while we pass in rain & flowing streets. Yesterday in the North Meeting we were invited to spend an hour with Howland Green, a Quaker upon a visit to the town. Having at my house

some young gentlemen, who had never seen a Quaker in the pulpit I went with them. To say nothing of the manner after an hour's sitting in silence, he began. He reprobated the Universalists, & the Predestinarians, & affirmed all men had the spirit of God with which they might concur. The latter part of his discourse was against war, the subject which probably introduced him with much favour to the house. I believe his innocence, but his introduction has the air of a trick in the present political state of our Country. However his doctrine was good for private life, if not for the world that now is.

This day Mr. Johns with his scheme of translations invited the town to the Baptist Brick Meeting House to an evening Lecture in which he was to press that Charity. By Subscription I have been told he had collected in Salem 800 Dollars & by his Lecture 150 more, so that his collections may be valued at about 1000 D. He has been a resident in this town about a month. This sum is about equal to a third of the sum he had upon the Boston Subscription printed List, which he gave me. He has a wife & child with him intending for India. The Catholics in Salem keep a place of Sunday prayers in Herbert Street & have monthly visits from their Ghostly fathers. Dr. Matignon with them this day.

27. Our new Judge Story has appeared in the prints against his old political friends in the affairs of the College of Physicians & denounced the whole plan with all the weight of his character. He says all he can in strong language without proof. It is impossible to put greater weight of character against the design. Such is this cringing man out of power, when he has risen as he wished.

28. It has never been known to me that so many examples of persons frozen to death as during the last severe weather. We have lost two in Salem, one black & one white, first a man, second a child and instances are enumerated from Newbury, Portsmouth & the vicinity. Our harbour still remains frozen but it has been opened to the lower wharves. The Merrimac is frozen throughout, so at Portland, & the cold every where been below 0. We have reports of many fires, none extensive, but in all directions.

Wid. Lydia Dean, who died this evening, was dau. of Capt. J. Waters at the ferry who had the old Massey House now standing & his widow lately deceased nearly 90 y. of age. She married Capt. T. Dean, Jan. 1784. Capt. T. Dean, æt. 32, died Oct. 1780 at Wilmington, N. C. She has adorned her long widowhood by her economy, industry & consistent virtues. Her only son was sick of a fever & upon her being seized by the same he was removed. The Mother soon died approved by all who knew her. She has left a Brother & two Sisters, widows. The brother, Capt. Joseph Waters, is in circumstances to serve the children, as he was ever disposed to serve his sister.

February 1 [1812]. Was at Judge Holten's in Danvers & visited Mr. Chase, a Coloured man, who still lives on his little plantation, cheerful & happy at 97 years. He tells me he was born in March, 1715. This example of health & longevity & of virtuous life in humble condition is admirable.

2. Sunday. Notes on the death of the worthy Mrs. Dean. Thomas & Lydia Dean, d. of their Mother Lydia Dean. Joseph Waters & family, d. of his sister Lydia Dean. Edward Stanley & wife, d. of Mrs. Dean. Mrs. Stanley, a Waters, with whom the surviving daughter Lydia is to live.

The Contribution of last Sunday evening is not enough. We have missions from every sect who follow all their prejudices into every country into which their zeal can penetrate. The Hopkinsians give notice that they have four candidates for their Missions to be ordained in the Tabernacle this week, who are to go immediately for India. The notification is given by the Presidential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions & the candidates are Adoniram Judson, Samuel Newell, Samuel Nott, Gordon Hall. We learn nothing favourable to their talents or experience. It is said Pickering Dodge, Merchant of Salem, gives them a passage to India at 3 hundred Dollars each & some of them carry their wives. The wife of this Dodge is a dau. of one Jenks who was a witness to Mrs. Norris's will. A Collection is to be made at the place of Ordination. Sent on a request for the Incumbent of St. Michael's, Marblehead, to Gen. D[earborn] for a chaplaincy in the New Army if raised. He is a worthy man, not adapted to his present situation.

3. We had news of Capt. Z. Silsbee, two months out of time from the north. The ship dismantled put into Lisbon so said, & he being a passenger came in a Vessel bound to New York & has arrived at that port. We had begun to give him up as lost. Vessels which sailed at the same time have been in American ports two months.

6. The day appointed for the ordination of the Missionaries. It was given out the services were to be put off, but upon the whole they were performed & of very great length. They continued from eleven till three P. M. & such as I have seen left before they were finished, without knowing the names of the performers. Col. Hathorne calls it a farce to get possession of the Norris Legacy to secure the existence of a Society like that intended by the Legacy tho' ex post factum.

7. We learn the death of the old Deacon Roundy of Beverly. He was upon the seats when I preached in Beverly, but not a man of strong powers, or marked character. He was near 90 when he died, about 50 years in his office & a member of the Church 70 years. He became extremely poor in his old age & sometimes incautious. Mr. Abbot delivered a sermon on the occasion.

9. Sunday. I have not been able abroad to find what the exact amount of the contribution on Thursday was, tho' it is generally thought not to have exceeded two hundred dollars. Nor have I met a single person who was present or informed of the order of services. It has been thought that the Contribution was lessened by the members who withdrew from the length of the services. Mr. Johns had on the day before retreated with his thousand dollars & the public mind was not ready for another thousand. Poor Jones, the Free Baptist, has not quite so great success as he has been obliged to leave his little flock & they could not collect the sixth part of the 60 D. promised for his rent. How much better it would have been to have assisted them in paying their dues for their spiritual instruction. We are promised John's sermon on the Evening of his last Collection with an Appendix in answer to some objection of Dr. Smith of New Jersey. Johns' last Gift was equal to that of the Tabernacle.

It is remarked that Mr. Spaulding of the Branch has contemplated a removal with part of his flock to the interior settlements of New York & that some of his friends are gone to look out a retreat. He has already said that no men of Genius were to be found on this side the Hudson. It would be an extraordinary adventure as he has often premeditated a retreat to Vermont, &c. Our Mr. Fiske went off from Wenham to Chelmsford. Mr. Williams retreated with his friends to Rhode Island & Providence. Mr. Peter's friends to Andover, Mr. Winthrop's to Boston & our late Mr. Lambert to the Islands of the Ocean. Why not.

10. Died in Salem, Mr. David Ropes, æt. 49, formerly Silver Smith. He was G. Son of Joseph Ropes long known as Landlord Ropes by his Son David & lived in Washington street. He was an active patriotic man & very much esteemed by the Citizens. He married a Hutchinson & his wife died before him. We learn also that Col. Nathaniel Warner of Gloucester has died, æt. 69. This active patriot was in the action at Bunker Hill & was among the last to retire from that warm contest with the British invaders. The Col. was a man of middling size, round face & muscular strength which indicated his strong, regular, & well directed mind.

11. Governors Gerry & Gray are again in nomination & the Electioneering Campaign is already open. But the humble submission of the Author of the Scourge at Boston, by which he has abandoned his former employers & confessed his insults to the Governour & the resignation of Croswell in the Balance which has been a warm opposition paper, have been duly improved by the friends of the Republic to shake the confidence of the men who have believed in the honour of the Opposition. The printed facts & recantations prove the licentious manners of the party & that they have not the honour they claim.

13. S. Cooke cast away in Long Island sound. This is the

fourth time & the loss to the Insurers in Salem will exceed 20 thousand dollars. Our Insurance Offices have been the most lucrative in past years, & they are unaccustomed to such losses. But Banks & Officers of Insurance are too much multiplied for the public safety & the rage increases. Four Banks have been established in New Jersey lately & projects exist everywhere. The people begin to be alarmed at the increase & make remonstrances.

14. Mr. J. Franks with me respecting his estate. His Daughter Hanna directed him to give his son Joseph one thousand dollars & to divide the Ward House in Becket street between the two daughters whose husbands are absent from their bed & board. The wife of said Franks has been deranged many years & he is a Corsican. He has paid at two payments the money to his son Joseph now deceased & one hundred & thirty dollars over & said Son has a Widow & child surviving. He has lodged the deeds with me, but having no receipts for the money he is afraid of trouble or his daughters trouble him. My advice was as he had only a Nuncupating will which is executed, & is sole heir, as a Father not to say or do more till he is obliged by Law. His son J. educated at my own expense & this event interests me.

16. Sunday. Note. Wid. Mary Hutchinson, d. of her Son in Law David Ropes, & pr. for her Son in law Chever & g. sons abroad at sea. Mr. David Ropes has left 7 children, 5 males & 2 females & the eldest Son is married. He was married by my Colleague Pastor in 1786 in the third year after I came to Salem & I christened all his children. Five of the missionaries lately ordained in Salem are on ship board in our harbour ready for their voyage.

17. The business of Banks is interesting to the Merchants. We have now three in Salem, the Essex, Salem, & Merchant's Banks, & we shall in the present method have some in every trading town of the States. Besides our Banks we have as many insurance Companies, besides Offices of insurance, Brokers offices and such business.

19. This day Col. Lee sent us a Mess of Dandelions brought from Marblehead.

20. The impeachment of Thacher one of the Judges of the Supreme Court was attempted in the House of Rep. & the greatest efforts made to create confusion in the House. The Speaker being one of the persons petitioning for the Judge's removal from the Chair, & this was a subject of dispute. The Supreme Court has an independence which is employed against the republicans. Gov. Gerry put the author of the Scourge into prison & Chief Justice Parsons put one of the Editors of the Chronicle, & both were liberated by consent of parties lately. The Elections approach & the public mind is in a high degree of irritation.

23. Sunday. Rev. Mr. Brown from Cincinnati preached with me. This visit is to gain subscriptions for a College which is to be raised in the vicinity of that place & to which has been made a grant of a township of 6 miles square on the western part of the state & about 20 miles from the Ohio. He shewed me a very good map of Ohio lately taken by a Mr. Mansfield about three feet square & informs me another map is soon to be given by the same person, as the settlements & discoveries extend. He exhibited to me the great difference in the route & settlements since he had been in Ohio fifteen years. Where in the whole route he could not find 40 cabins, & used an encampment, are now to be found for 300 miles convenient houses at short distances. Had he appeared in Salem before the Missionaries he must have commanded greater advantages than he can now obtain.

Note. B. W. Crowninshield & wife, d. of youngest child Lucia.

24. This day died Elizabeth Masury. She was a Bush & in 1744 married William Phippen, in 1749, Samuel Bagnel, & in 1776, John Masury. By the two first she had Children. Her husband Masury died in 1797, æt. 82. This woman was born before the building of our Meeting House in 1718 & her age is given as 94. Her husband was blind many years & depended on her activity for his support. For several years she has been the charge of her daughter & has had relief from friends & has been on our Parish list either herself or Husband since the Bills have been recorded in 1791 & what before is uncertain, surely above twenty years. Elizabeth lived with her first husband, W. Phippen, from 1744 to 1748, with her second, Thomas Bagnel, from 1749 to 1755, and with her third, John Masury, from 1776 to 1797, 21 years.

25. The season has been uncommonly boisterous. The snows continue to fall, & the year has been extraordinary. Smuggling has been carried on upon a very extensive scale. Counterfeiting of the super abundant paper has been as extensive & the signs of the times are as extraordinary as the weather. The numerous fires in our Manufactories which have created many suspicions have not yet fastened any upon any large scale or political purpose by any detection. Such as have been traced have issued in the passions & prejudices of ignorant persons who could not be known to have any connection justifying suspicion. My new female singers at my house this evening.

27. To record the hypocrisy of the zealot is a duty we owe to the world. When Masury the son died, J[ohn] Punchard, a Sectarian, called on me & lamented that I had not been invited to perform the funeral services, tho' his wife had before directed that they should employ a converted minister. But P. declared his surprise, begged me to put him upon my list & remember his full disapprobation. Now his Mother in law has died in his own

care after having drawn 2 h. dollars in Charity as one of our Society & instead of notice by the Sexton a poor non compos Brother was sent to notify me of the death & funeral without even the form of an invitation as a friend. This Punchard is Clerk to hold all Church Books which he refused to his minister when his defence depended upon them & has been extremely assiduous in defending his sect, making & degrading ministers. In political society he has been the same man. Promoted as town Clerk in a moment of party rage he declared what he should lose by religious prejudice against him, he should make up from anti republican friends & lost his election & injured the republican ticket, &c.

28. Dr. Worcester, who after his long & zealous services for the Andover Bill of Theological Education, has endeavoured to extend the privileges of that Institution, has lost the Bill & returned. It is however to be reconsidered in the next session. Some things were suffered to fall not favourable to his reputation from one of the members. The arrival of a ship from France & the welcome reception of Mr. Barlow & the spirit of the Prince Regent of England & the remarks & petitions give us some interesting views of the present period of political events.

March 1 [1812]. Sunday. The past may be called a busy Theological week with our Legislatures. The entrance to these labours had begun with the Baptist Petition for a Grant of Land for a seminary. Mr. Foster a Clergyman of Littleton observed that the Court was ready if there were a majority of no sect in the government & this suggestion put an end to all the zeal in this pursuit. The Andover Theological institution petitioned for the privilege of receiving more extensive donations than were provided in their incorporation. This did not obtain from the partial zeal of the Sect which manages it. The Missionary Bill did not obtain, to receive money for foreign missions. And the College at Cambridge was restored to its former establishment before the revolution under Gore by which the Senate recovers its relation to this institution. The petition of the College has been notified but not yet published. The conduct of the Students & Government respecting the reading of the last proclamation for Thanksgiving left the Gov.'s friends no choice of the part they had to act to increase the responsibility of such an Institution as had the charge of our first Youth, to the Government of the Country. The making of Mrs. Norris' will & the expectation of many such artifices to enrich religious establishments induced a proposal in the house to prohibit the making of Wills for religious Houses near the time of death. It was an ill remedy but it confessed the nature of the disease.

2. We have seen an end of honest John Ellison, æt. 74. This man was born in London & came to Salem early & was in our

army & sea service. He married a g. d. of the Rev. Ulmer, a German preacher who settled in Maine & whose d. died with us at a great age. When I came to Salem, this man was a Rigger, & afterwards for 14 years of the Town Watch. A man of great integrity & good reputation.

3. The friends of Order last week in their Clubs celebrated the birth of Washington, & after distinguishing themselves by their rude toasts & political insults, they sallied at midnight into the streets, yelling & destroying property as a proof that they held fast to the rules of good order & public peace. The body of these associations is of young Lawyers & Merchant Clerks. The names of the leaders given to the public were two Sons of Timothy Pickering, D. L. Pickman, & B. Pierce, late Senators of Mass., young men, I. Tucker, ejected Clerk of the Courts, H. Blanchard, one Mack, a Lawyer, two sons of James King, a son of Dr. Prince, & a son of John Appleton.

5. Such has been the severity of the past winter that our Harbour is now actually frozen to the Fort. But this is the first day with the smiles of Spring, & threatens to put a too sudden end to the terrors of winter & to all its horrors. We fear for dams, floods & for the travelling & roads. Upon a conversation with Mr. English, our Sexton, I find it probable according to the records that the first agreement with him in that trust was in 1765. He tells me that he succeeded Gavet, an old man who had been in the service of the first Church & Gavet succeeded Clough who died in office. Clough succeeded Eborn, who was in service when Mr. Diman came & whom Mr. English remembered when he lived in Mr. Diman's family. Report is that before Eborn, one Babbidge, called "funny", was in the service.

7. From the age of our Sexton I was induced to extend the enquiries & find from testimonies that he was born in 1736 & has entered his 76th year. He remembers the first child he buried was for Madam Welman whose family records say it was in April, 1765 & so his age & entrance into office are now upon good authority. M. Welman, a Mascol, says they were children of the same year. Mr. Philip English, sexton, says that the well known Philip English was a distant relation of his father John & that his father John & Aunt Jane were brought from Jersey by their G. Uncle Philip & lived in his family till of age. That Jane married a Kann in whose house Philip the sexton now lives adjoining to old Neck gate, opposite English's & opp. Virgin's point. And his father lived on the south side of English's mansion now standing upon the entrance to English street now so called. Philip, son of Philip, died at the Blue Anchor, Hollingsworth's house, below English street & near the ferry landing & was buried from his father's mansion since the Sexton's remembrance. She says he

often attended him in different services at home, in the field & in town. The Sexton says his father was of the Communion of the Church of England & his mother of the Congregational. The irregularity of public worship at that early period of his birth prevented his baptism, as was proposed, in the English Church. In fact, the family was poor & the neighbours did not encourage or the Mother the act in a form which then met the strongest prejudices of New England.

PENN TOWNSEND. Having known Capt. Penn Townsend of Salem who died 16 Oct., 1796, æt. 63, drowned off Nahant & the Son of his Brother Moses named Penn now living, I notice that this name is early on the records of New England. Emerson in his history of the Old Church in Boston, p. 139, mentions in 1691 that Capt. Penn Townsend was with Jeremiah Dummer upon business of that Church & Neal in his H[istory] of N. England, giving the list of the Council for 1719, next to W. Dummer, L. G. & S. Sewall, mentions Penn Townsend, Esqr. The children of his son Penn were known to me personally & the Councillour may have been the Captain, thirty years afterwards. The Son Penn was dead before I knew the family. The g. d. married a g. Son of Steward Boardman of Cambridge. Capt. Moses Townsend tells me that his G. Father removed from Boston and had a family in Salem, & that is all he knows. Capt. Moses T[ownsend] is President of the Union Marine & one of our Representatives, & Representative in the Gen. Court & promises to recover the reputation of the family by his active virtues. The name appears in 1732 upon our records when Penn, the son of Penn & Hanna, was baptised, so that Penn was born in Salem. Moses, son of Penn & H., baptised 1735, so that it was Penn T. who removed to Salem. Penn the Son, who died 1796, married Ann White in 1755 & no issue survived him. He married again. Moses married Hanna Lambert in 1758 & two sons & 4 daughters are still living. Moses has married a Lambert, a cousin, in 1785 & has sons & daughters. Penn married a d. of Capt. Addison Richardson & has 2 daughters. Both the sons were Commanders of Vessels in the active part of life & both are now living. This name of Penn was not adopted from the immortal Legialator of Pennsylvania but more probably from Elder James Penn of the first Church in Boston, who went with Norton to Salisbury in 1657 upon Church affairs & probably from a Grandchild. These Missions were of high authority formerly & consequently of high honour. Only one son of the present generation had married, a son Penn. Samuel in memory of his Brother Penn who has two d. & one Son. Moses has two sons & 3 d. but the sons are named William & Joseph and the two surviving sons of Samuel deceased are named Moses & Joseph, Penn being a twin with Moses is dead. So that there is no prob-



CAPT. PENN TOWNSEND, JR.
1772-1842.

**From a miniature painted in 1805 and now owned by
William C. Waters of Salem.**

ability of a Penn in the rising generation, but four males bear up the name of Townsend.

8. Sunday. Revd. James Bowers, late R[ector] of St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, was with me. He did not perform any part of the Service & only read his Sermons on forming the hearts alike & mourning. This man is now without a living with a large family. The number of his Charge always small no incident has tended to increase. Besides the two Congregational Churches, without an increase of population, Marblehead has two houses of worship besides one for Baptists, & one for Methodists & in the new Cong. Church they have ordained a popular man Mr. Bartlet, unknown to me. The taxes consequently became heavy at the Episcopal Church & Mr. Bowers determined while he had his powers to assume his liberty & look further. His best parishioners who remained with him are willing to help him.

13. Took the weights of the East Clock as they now hang, 280 & 180 lb. The Republican Caucus full this evening at Stone's Distill house. The Opposition Caucus was assembled at Washington Hall, E. Corner of Essex & Court street. We are told B. Crowninshield did not spare the rod of correction.

15. Sunday. Notes. Ebenezer Slocum & wife & Children, d. of his Mother & two Sisters & Sister's daughter. These events not at the same time but since he had heard of the family. Capt. Slocum was born in Connecticut or Rhode Island & in the war his father removed to Hopkinton in the south County of Washington in that state. None of the children lived to have large families & seven are now living & one son besides Capt. Ebenezer. His mother was 70 years of age at death & his sisters between 40 & 50 years. The Sisters had married & removed into the Interior of N. Eng.

Susanna Richardson, d. of her Son Thomas Hunt, set. 39, who has left a wife & 7 children, 6 daughters. The Mother was a Paley & married a Jeffry, then a Hunt, then a Richardson & is now a widow set. 70. Of a long lived race. William Allen & wife & children, d. of her brother T. Hunt, pr. for Br. at sea. Capt. W. Allen married a Hunt, sister of the deceased & has 3 children by him, sons. She from Manchester & his brethren not of Salem.

We learn from Windham, Maine, that John Ingersoll has died, brother of the late Samuel who married a Harthorne of the Hollingsworth family. The only heir of Samuel, Susanna, lives in the Turner house.

16. We were this day employed in reading the documents respecting Henry's employment as a British Spy in Boston. He was sent by Gov. Craig of Canada, & his plea for disclosure was from the neglect to fulfil the promise made to him for his services. President Madison has sent with a Message these documents to

Congress. But they had no effect upon our Votes in Salem. The New Law which gives votes to all freemen was turned against its authors & by public favour to the Blacks, they were engaged on the opposition & this day the Republicans lost their votes for Moderator by an unquestionable majority & Mr. Ashton was chosen.

17. The choice of the Selectmen was put off till this day & another full Caucus was held last evening to no purpose. The Republicans lost all their votes with a decreased majority but so as to dispossess themselves of the chief town Officers. This change must be imputed to the state of Commerce, many removals & to the paltry feuds which craving & cutting of officers have created. But confidence in their numbers & success had made the Republicans overlook the only advantage from their new Law, & made them forget that the rich must have greater influence on the ignorant & servile blacks than the body of industrious citizens could obtain. So we have lost every thing called Republican in Salem. The weather was dark & lowry, but the votes numbered high & the few who lead did their duty on the day by faithful exertions.

19. Mrs. Babbidge buried this day was the widow of Capt. B. Babbidge who was lost at sea last year, & who was seduced by Col. Archer to indorse his Paper, by which the wretch & all who relied upon him were ingulphed. Stripped of property & of her husband & of feeble frame she sank under accumulated ills.

20. The opposition have determined to make complete work & to dismiss from public service all the friends of our republican Constitutions. News of the d. of Capt. B. Bullock. He had been successful at sea & had determined to invest a valuable part of his property in lands & so removed and purchased in Sturbridge in 1805. He did much by expence of his farm but not content with the life he left his family on the farm & went a voyage to sea. In the present time he thought he could make money by a visit to Canada, & left his property being detected in smuggling in a great amount against the Nonintercourse law & the fatigues & the disappointment ended his life. He carried a Wife & 3 children from Salem. This second wife was very young, & unexperienced & not adapted to a farm but of good manners tho' extremely deficient in the education for her station. This adventure is not a solitary one in New England.

22. Sunday. Notes. George Hodges & wife, d. of her Sister Wid. Mary Babbidge, pr. for her Br. at sea. Lois Phippen, d. of Sister in law Babbidge, & husb. & brother at sea. John Babbidge & wife, d. of his Sister in law Babbidge. We are told that the Opposition Caucus in Salem did not overlook the Clergy & made it part of their plan to employ their talents &c. One of the Committee of the Court upon Andover Theological Institution told me that Pr. Pearson told him, it were best for their party to grant

their requests or the candidates would preach against them. It seems they are not strangers to Clerical power & make no secret of the use of it. It was said publicly of one of the Agents in Salem with a sneer, He would put in two votes rather than not help his cause. So we go.

23. An attempt to throw the Town into confusion by apprehending a young man said to be named Joye who at Haverhill had signed a paper accusing the Ex. Sec. Pickering & to have given himself out as a Spy from Canada. The youth was apprehended at Salem & committed & an attempt made to render this a serious affair. The Opposition had the sole management of it & did with it as they pleased. This business began last week. We heard nothing more about it.

24. Day of adjournment of the Town Meeting. As but few town Officers were elected last year it has been thought best not to dispute & that the work of a party will be better than nothing, as the public vigilance is ready, & as no man accepts such offices from choice, who is worthy of them & chiefly as good citizens only. We are told in the meeting Capt. Winn challenged the Moderator Mr. Ashton & told him he should require the Negative & no trifling as in the last year.

26. An attempt to keep Henry's affair out of sight by the trifling affair of the boy at Haverhill, & party has been very successful at this small game. Above one hundred have already been struck off the list of voters presuming that most of them will not assert their rights & the common people think it asking a favour of their enemies. So we go, & so we shall go.

27. The Boston Faneuil Hall meeting was designed to collect talents from the party & Dexter & Otis were among the Speakers. Mr. Pickering received with three cheers. Much is said of the sum Henry received for disclosing his errand & in reply it is asked how much he received as hush money from his coadjutors.

29. Sunday. Note. George Underwood & wife, her delivery. She a Wood of Boxford & they have 4 ch., 3 females.

31. Last Saturday night two Soldiers of Fort Sewall upon their return from Boston fatigued, asked entrance into the Almshouse & an alehouse but were refused as Soldiers. At the door of the last they perished. An uncommon example of inhospitality. Such is our aversion to a standing Army & the vulgar fear of soldiers. In no place does pure hospitality exist with more honour than in Marblehead. A Mr. Sievekings of Hamburg with me from Professor C. D. Ebeling with Letters.

April 2 [1812]. The change in the police has led to very serious apprehensions. Four hundred names have been erased from the list & many of them are not yet restored. Persons long in the habits of voting do not bare refusal with patience, & nothing but

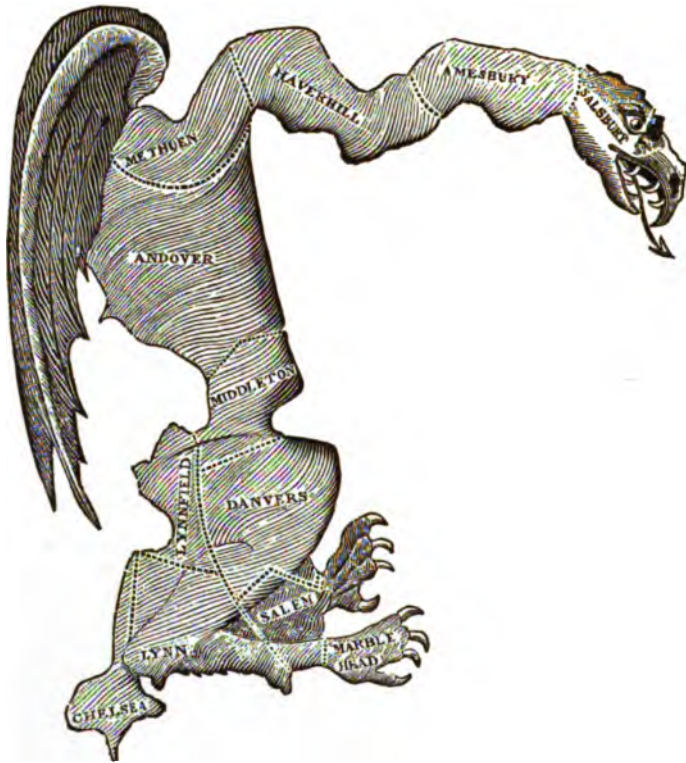
a more yielding temper promises tranquility. Much blustering on the occasion. The division of this County into districts has given an opportunity for a Caracatura stamped at Boston & freely circulated here called the Gerrymander. The towns as they lie are disposed as part of a monster whose feet & claws are Salem & Marblehead. It is one of those political tricks which have success as far as they go. This division favours much the hopes of retaining a republican senate, & therefore must be a sure object of party vengeance.

5. Sunday. Mr. Brown again with me in the morning. Before Christ was excellent, this day he was precious. It is his manner which has the greatest attraction with him. There has been a person sent lately from Andover upon some missions by a public ordination at that place. Worcester of this place as usual assisted at the ceremony of induction. Mr. Brown was very successful in his address at the fort in Marblehead upon the death of the two Soldiers & has been abundant in his labours in that place & is determined to return & spend a little time with them. They collected 69 dollars for him & a friend gave him a suit of cloaths. Mr. Abbott of Beverly has printed a Volume of Sermons addressed to Seamen, in a small V. in twelves. It is said they have been very acceptable in his charge. They claim a good object.

6. Our Election of Governour. Without any known change of opinions in the Town the Agency of the new Town officers was so great as to make the Government ticket 140 less than the Opposition. At first stroke 400 were struck from the list, many were restored but with such embarrassments & examinations as the humbler citizens did not chuse to undergo from their feelings & their interest. Others were delayed till it was too late & when their demands came, the poll was closed & the chance over. So ended this election.

7. The story of the Embargo which was given in glowing colours for electioneering purposes signed by the Senators of Mass. in Congress, both Lloyd & Quincy, is still the theme & it is hoped that something will be done. Such tales ought not to be left to do mischief only. The Government should dare to protect its friends by some deeds or measures.

9. The appointed [day] for a Public Fast. We had not a full congregation tho' we had the best part of what we call our own. Children on such occasions are indulged in their visits with their kindred in other congregations & often with the female servants to go into the Central Congregations on these occasions which makes the house appear thin, when the proprietors are not absent. We had Maden's Holy week hymn & the 39th Psalm Anthem & well performed by our New Singers. This their first effort in the Congregation in this way & last Sunday the first of their appearance. Contribution 50 Dollars.



**THE GERRY-MANDER, OR ESSEX SOUTH DISTRICT FORMED
INTO A MONSTER.**

From the Salem Gazette, April 2, 1813.

10. The Printer of the Register has been called upon for the name of the Writer of the statement in the last number upon the Salem Elections. He refused to give up the name of the Author & has been threatened by the same person, L. Putnam, who was very active in the imprisonment of Mr. Carlton the former printer of the same paper. The increase of votes has been beyond calculation in Boston. What in Gore's election would not rise above half a hundred has added 15 times that number tho' hundreds had gone to sea, & the republican list was not lessened. We have learnt all the lessons of British policy, but we outdo them in our elections.

12. Sunday. Note. Benj. Webb & Wife, d. of her brother Robert Bray, æt. 51, who married a Ropes & left 4 children, pr. for Sons at sea.

Rev. J. W. Browne collected this day at the Old Church 28 dollars, at Dr. Bernard's where he preached on the occasion 64 dollars. At the Tabernacle where he preached in the evening about 30 dollars, our Subscription & sums given amounted to 45 Dollars & the whole sum he has collected for his Miami College about 300 d. in Salem. I gave him 23 Volumes to assist his Library. Others gave Books also. This is the fourth Collection for Charitable purposes made in our Society in a short time. This week Mr. Browne leaves us. We all attribute to him a good delivery, but his Sermons did not become more pleasing to the thinking, as they multiplied. Yet the concourse at the Tabernacle of a certain class was very great, tho' the contribution was the smallest which he had received in the town.

13. The Embargo which took place on the 10th has been received with little resistance. This has an air of mystery with the little Ones of the Opposition. The Great ones are afraid to be settlers on just at the present moment from fear of consequences. The human character never appeared in darker colours.

14. To make a diversion for the present several of our Citizens have been arrested for a Riot at the late Elections & a Justice's Court was held. Several recognised for their appearance again on Friday next. The irritation is increasing & the Selectmen will be properly exposed on the occasion. The partiality was too glaring to be questionable by a sober man.

17. Was the second hearing of the Rioters as they are called by the Opposition. No evidence was produced in their favour & after the usual spouting, the arrested persons were bound to appear before the next Supreme Court at Ipswich. This creates a great sensibility but the poor of a Commercial town have not their independence of mind unshaken & the sailors have actually voted for their employers, as I learn from the best information. The least adversity depresses men who are accustomed to think little & make no sacrifices to their opinions which are as far from their habits as the sciences & therefore true or false make no change in their

impulse & action. The general discourse is we can do nothing.

20. A late arrival informs us that the British Ships are in our Seas watching for the Ships from France so that few escape them. The List of Captures under their Orders continues to increase. But at the moment the hopes of a Treaty with France increase also, & from the event we hope for decision in our public measures.

23. Capt. Rannie is preparing the fortifications at the forts in Salem & Marblehead. He is placing anew his platforms & expects every moment to relinquish his command in this quarter & to be succeeded by the Artillery men who are taught to handle the guns of forts while his infantry find their proper employment. Every carriage is examined with great care & proper attention.

24. The new orders for the troops & the new loans look like serious intention in the Government, which is determined to render itself respected. It is curious to see faces just at this time. The numbers on the Election list strangely reduced, the Senate certainly gone & the House of reps. a mere speculation upon the numbers to be raised & the dash from a foreign war. Who can wonder?

26. Sunday. I am informed by Rev. Bowers that Mr. Ellis of the Baptist Gathering in Marblehead & who is a Schoolmaster in that place & has occasionally officiated at Boston, was formerly a tutor in the College of Providence. That his Father was a venerable member of our Legislature & in the higher branches of it & not a little mortified at the humble choice of his Son & his fanaticism. Ellis coolly said His Father was among the best of moral men, but he could find no place for him in heaven. Such may religion become.

27. We are all busy with the reports of war. It now shews itself. Otis' circular to excite the prejudices against our Government in this state appeared at the same time with his Letter printed in England & used as a circular there. It leaves no just doubts that a most infamous game has been played & it proves the unbounded influence of the party in opposition, that they can silence the just resentment of an angry country. We hardly dare to speak loud of such criminal transactions.

28. Upon an invitation went to Marblehead to dine at the Fort with Capt. Rannie, with my H[annah] C[rowninshield]. Lieut. Plympton & Lieut. Bulley were with us at the table. The dau. of the Capt. addressed [by] Lt. P., did the honour of the table. He is enlarging his platforms & tells me that no man in M. will bring us a load of rocks under a Dollar, because they had that sum when the Fort was built. He has supplied himself from the Rocky shore of the Fort. The Capt. expects orders to remove soon from his present station.

30. We cannot refuse to notice an uncommon backward

spring. Not a flower to be seen for this Maying, which the eye could anticipate for the pleasure of the next Morning. We just begin to collect the Dandelions for the table & as yet they are few. Ice is seen this week & all the snow is not dissolved upon our hills. It is a Canada Season, winter & Summer but no spring. A Strange contrast to the heat of the last Summer.

May 1 [1812]. Agreed to spend this day at Marblehead with Revd. Bowers in company with Penn Townsend and wife & my H. C. We reached that place before dinner & after dinner visited the Fort & had in the course of the day a walk upon some of the hills. The Misses Wilson came & were at tea with us & we left Marblehead about seven P. M. Mr. Bowers is uncomfortably situated with a large family & small prospects. His domestic situation suffers from his irritability.

3. Sunday. This day I paid a tribute of public respect to the Vice President G. Clinton, lately deceased at Washington. The consistency of his character & his firmness are subjects of admiration. We see how closely the English party follow up English manners even in the pulpit. The successor of the Presidents at Beverly has been detected in preaching one of Tilotson's Sermons. A matter once of great disgrace in a N. E. pulpit, & punished in the public mind as a theft of singular aggravation. Our lax English maxims would make the reading of a Sermon from another but a very small offence in the system of Priestcraft when the whole is power, the engine is fear & the end sanctifies the means. We are bold in extenuation that the offence is very common, but it has seldom come to my knowledge out of the English Church.

5. Our Military review day but it was as uncomfortable as midwinter. The earth was covered with snow in the morning. The weather remained dark after the snow ceased to fall & the Wind at N. W. was high. Our conversation turns upon the Bills found by the G. Jury in regard to the Salem Elections. Bills have been found against the two printers, against the rioters who offended the New Selectmen, but not against the Selectmen. Also against Osgood for assaulting John Harthorne. Everything is done to embitter domestic prejudices in Salem.

6. Our Military attitude pleases some of us but we have our fears whether we shall more than order a muster day. The Opp. will not subscribe to the Loans. Will not encourage the recruiting service. Will not treat the least thing done at home by our administration with decency.

7. The conduct of the Elections in Salem has occasioned serious contention among the Citizens. Four cases are before the Supreme Court at Ipswich under Judge Sewall. Case of assault, Harthorne ag. Osgood. Case of double voting, S. Silsbee D[efendant]. Case

of the Printer, Palfrey D[efendant] ag. Selectmen. The action of Selectmen against Harthorne & other as Rioters. All these are actions brought from the party of the opposition. An action ag. the opp. Printer was brought & a bill found. The serious evils from this state of things can be easily imagined.

8. Yesterday I went up to Spring brook to observe the passage of the fish, but the cold has retarded the visits of these wanderers as it does those of the Atlantic, who have no calendar but the temperature. Only a few have passed when in common season all this work is over in April. We passed in the new road to the Lynn Spring Hotel, which has two gates. To our surprise we found half the trees of the Grove on the west side of the pond on the precipice cut down with great injury to the appearance. The road I had never before passed. It is led round the hill at the south end of the pond, & this hill projects into the pond making two bays, with good effect. The Hotel we found in good order. Great changes have been made by draining the two ponds south easterly from the Hotel & several ploughs were employed in opening the sides of the hills for planting. We found the Spring weak & little different from the water of the pond. We visited every part of the buildings, which were in good order & clean, & returned by the way of the Salem turnpike through a gate. The two Misses with me were my pupil H[annah] C[rowninshield] & E. Townsend, d. of Moses T.

10. Sunday. One Taylor, a mechanic, dipped a Mr. Fossil & wife about this time. The circumstance most remarkable is that he was a boy in the neighbourhood & had not the advantage of a stranger in concealing his early habits & ignorance. And yet no obstacles existed to his performance of a public baptism. The Subjects were in good reputation. Fossil from the Dutch countries had acquired a property by baking & had resigned his employment to a kinsman of the same name & lived on the interest of what his industry had given him. He long attended in the communion of the English Church & had been a Warden. A man of this condition has been baptised by a boy who had no claims upon any enlightened man. But it may be said Fossil is as illiterate as the course of life he led could possibly leave him, & having but a very imperfect knowledge of our language could profit little from conversation. Still this is the most extraordinary case which I have ever known.

Mr. Bolles of the Baptist Society in Salem preached lately at Boston at the bringing in of a minister into the new Meeting of Baptists at the bottom of the Common. Dr. Stillman's society has lost all its glory in the death of that Pastor. Judge Clay hurried it downwards. Mr. Jones who has had the direction of the Free Wills in Salem has retired for a time to Portsmouth.

He has left many speakers behind who think they can supply his place, & that his time of usefulness was at an end. Mr. Spaulding also of the Branch is about to retire for a season & leave his beloved flock, who tho' they appeared many in the late conversion are now not to be found. The integrity of this man is valued, but his talents have been awfully discovered in his publications which he has been able to introduce into the world.

11. We have the results of the late hearings in the Court at Ipswich. No business is done but the whole is laid over till the Court in November. So that the whole party are put upon their good behaviour. This is a serious change in Salem. Of the pretended Rioters, seven out of the eight the jury pronounced guilty, & all the Jurors were of the opposition in politics.

12. Our Elections for representatives this day & the numbers stood 887 against 657, so that all the hopes of the Republicans are gone for the present year in Salem. They have chosen 13 members for Salem leaving no doubt of a federal majority, as it is called in the Assembly. Among the elected is a son of Timothy Pickering.

On May 14th I was seized by a bilious affection, from which I had lost all hope of escape. But by the diligence of my Physicians, Dr. Edw. A. Holyoke & Treadwell, I was enabled at last so far to recover that on the 25 May I was able to return to my desk & make this record so that I must consider the intermediate space as lost from my Diary. It is possible should I ultimately recover, that I may make some remarks on what may be recollected, but at present I can only remember the attention of my friends & my own sense of my great danger, without that succession of incidents which it has been my object to record for my own use in any future period of my life. I must now consider myself as beginning life again, but with what hopes is yet unknown.

25. Mr. Nathan Pierce, Merchant, æt. 63, buried in this town last evening, was born at Newbury Port & came a young man without property into it in the business of a Tobacco Manufacturer & married a Widow Hill, family name Allen, in the eastern part of the town. By his diligence he accumulated & soon became possessed of property at sea & died possessed of a handsome estate. He has left two Sons & three dau. married Needham, Philips, Upton. His father is now living at 87 y. of age at Newburyport and was for many years keeper of the Poorhouse in that place. He had a strong mind, & all the firm virtues, one of the favorite sons of Nature & living good.

26. Last night the Grist Mill on South river was burnt for the first time since its erection at any early period of our history. The property still is in the heirs of the Lynde, Gardiner & other antient families of the town. The loss of the Granary & of the Miller's house under the same roof was the extent of the destruction. The tide was up, the weather calm & the alarm instant.

27. For the first time I walked out since my illness. The season is confessed to be one whole Calendar month backward & it is believed beyond example within the memory of the present generation. Such was the cool opinion of Dr. Holyoke, æt. 83 y. This day Capt. James Chever, Chairman of the Committee of East Meeting House, informed me that the C. had unanimously agreed that the Office of Sexton should be given to Mr. Nichols who now officiates in that office & has so done repeatedly during the infirmities of Mr. P[hilip] English. Mr. P. English went into the family of the Rev. James Diman the former Pastor when he was nine years & six months of age & continued in his service till he was twenty one years of age having been taught the shoemaker's trade. He was above 76 years of age in 1812. He became Sexton in 1765 & has continued 47 years. From the time of his first service in the Pastor's family is 65 years. His Salary is to be continued.

28. I gave notice to Mr. Nichols of his appointment. It may be remarked that Mr. Frye, the Miller, who was burnt out & narrowly escaped at our mills with his family is the same man lately refused his vote, made to sign against him & who detected the fraud about practices employed against him & exposed the opposition party in their low arts. It is unhappy to be burnt out so soon. At this time when a man is in Court for a word, we submit in silence.

29. Began again my little notices* for the Register after having suffered four numbers to pass, an interruption not before known since I undertook at the beginning of the Century.

31. Sunday. After two Sundays absence from the pulpit I returned to it again & did the public duties of it. On the first of the two Sundays the house was closed. Mr. Bowers officiated on the second. In the morning he used a composed form of prayer & in the afternoon detached portions of the Liturgy. His sermons were pronounced to be in his superiour style of excellence. Bp. Griswold upon his return from the ordination of Mr. Burroughs at Portsmouth, officiated for the first time at St. Peters Church in this town. This is the first time that a Protestant Episcopal Bishop has appeared in the pulpit at Salem. The Church was filled on the occasion from the other congregations. Williams the Baptist of Beverly & who has been often the officiating minister in Salem has retired from his late charge with reproach. Jones the Baptist free has left Salem & others come & go in his stead.

The Andover Professors exult that an administration which refused their wishes for Missionary & other incorporations has been so soon changed & endeavour to impeach Mr. B. Crowninshield of the House & of Salem as a Deist from his open resistance

*His semi-weekly summary of foreign and domestic news.

to the project for the Missions of the East Indies. Mr. Spaulding says they expressed themselves in the strongest language & have appeared again with their petitions to the Legislature. From the present state of the Senate, it is needful to make Mr. C. odious to destroy his influence if possible, in that board. Religious frenzy needs only the civil patronage to render it as active as it ever was in this or any other country.

June 1 [1812]. My Friend W. Stearns gave me a ride around the square to help me into the world again. Yesterday I dined with Gen. Dearborn at Mr. B. Crowninshield's, our Senator's. The Gen. is in good spirits & is ready to defend his country. His son Henry was with us & the time passed very agreeably.

3. I rode with my neighbour Jona. Archer to Ipswich. When we left Salem it was delightful, but before we could reach Ipswich we were in a rain storm. I spent an hour with Mr. Noyes, Register of Probate, & saw his first Book from 1674 to 1680 from which I obtained some valuable hints respecting the estates in Salem & dates of Deaths & some interesting articles respecting Commerce from the Inventories of the principal merchants of that period. I visited the families of Messieurs Heard & Andrews, Dined with Mr. Archer at Mr. Lord's, paid my respects to Judge Holten, & returned in the rain to Salem which I reached about 4 P. M. having left it 8 A. M. I was happy in the visit under all its inconveniences.

Professors Woods & Stuart of Andover, returned Episcopancies in my absence. Mr Spaulding who came with them made an apology for his Company. They dared to tell him, they were sorry to find a Man who had appeared friendly to the Ch. Religion among the rabble of the prophane world in opposition to the prop[agation] of the Ch. Religion in the region of the East. The good man supposed the conversation would be reassumed in my house & wished to have been a hearer on the occasion. The Professors wanted my Books not my Conversation.

5. Little Putnam, one of the New Reps. from Salem, has distinguished himself by a proposition to petition against a war with Great Britain. Thus the inferiour wretches of party are made the tools for the worst dissensions in our Country. The votes upon the motion 402 for the petition & 278 against it. Capt. Ranney tells me that he has sent on a Body Guard to Gen. Dearborn at Roxbury. My weight after late sickness, having a bilious affection & obstruction of the bowels, was 188 lb. With all I have gained in 17 days, at the last weighing 214 lb., a reduction of 26 lb. & probably from the sickness exceeding 30 lb. an adequate proof of the violence of the attack.

7. Sunday. Went through the three services unassisted all day.

8. Ventured for the first time to walk to the Neck farm with my young friends my former companions. I found that I had not my former strength. The new Landlord for the first time received me kindly & prepared what I brought suitably. Goodhue.

11. Died my worthy old friend & Companion Capt. Benjamin Ward. The outline of his history I shall preserve in the minutes I collect for the Sermon of the next Sunday. But his chief solace to me was in his constant attachment to my person & interest, his friendly visits, his kind acceptance of any office from which I could derive any benefit by his friendship & virtues. He has been dying since the loss of his last wife in 1810. He had not been so happy in his first choice. In the last he found one of the best of women & he loved her too well to survive her. He had nearly reached his 78 year, but his father exceeded his 81 year & his Grandfather his 92 year.

12. News that the Majority of the House is for War, & that the Senate are waiting for the Ultimatum of the English Minister which the Secretary has asked, & that the reply will be unfavourable to peace is the rumour of the day, and does not interest party men in the degree in which it is vexatious to Speculators of all parties. They, crowded from our ports at the moment the Embargo was believed, have laid off our ports to take new destinations, & have refused no arts to evade our Laws & to profit above their neighbours by the violation of them. Their clamours are great as their ruin is sure. These events give us not a favourable opinion of the Mercantile character & prove how much gain predominates over their boasted patriotism. We might be tempted to doubt while with such men, whether patriotism was in the world.

13. The examples of Military ambition are too numerous for a day book but will be found in the daily papers & give good hopes to our Country. In Canada every man is a Militia man from 16 to 50 & preparations for invasion.

14. Sunday. Notes. Abigail Ward, d. of B. Ward, pr. for Son at sea. This Widow of a nephew had the charge of him during his last sickness & he has rewarded her with the third part of his estate, or the sure amount in any case of 300 dollars. This branch of the Ward family is now extinct in our Society, two branches from Richard & John yet remain & promise usefulness. Mr. Spaulding has left for the present the Branch Church & it is doubtful whether he ever returns to Salem as a Minister. After his separation from the Tabernacle he fell as rapidly as he rose. Sixteen years of an illiterate man had discovered him. The friends who proposed the building of another house were not such as loved the preacher, but in a time of speculation determined to make a profit from a quarrel of superstition. Few of

these appeared at the worship. Few answered to their engagements & the affairs of the Incorporation are in a shameful state of derangement. The change of times has rendered bankrupts the two Deacons who have left the town & the remaining few are without property & information, so that dire necessity obliges Mr. Spaulding to retire. He goes for the interior of New York, on hopes of a settlement. Should he not obtain such a one as he wishes, he will take a farm in Connecticut. The Universalists have been led in the same career. One of the principal speculators in the Bank was engaged here & the two leaders have utterly failed & given up their estates & are to leave the town. My friend Elder Rhust as an Indorser & upon whose ground the house is built is held in his old age to a considerable amount. The new South Church is yet much unpaid for but the principal debts are among themselves & for which the pews are accountable. But the easy terms on which pews are leased, render the property unsaleable.

16. We had several Companies on the parade. Mr. Langdon nominated as Vice President has resigned & Mr. Gerry has the nomination by the Republicans at Washington. Last week the Republicans above 70 met at Ipswich to present a memorial in opposition to Putnam's resolution in the house upon the subject of war to Congress. The Minority of the House also entered their dissent & several associations have declared on the subject.

18. Yesterday we had our Military Company training. The Militia were not unworthy of any former occasion. The Light Infantry is most distinguished among the volunteers. The Cadet company split by factions is diminished in its numbers, & has lost its former reputation. The Mechanic Company was formed for different times & the numbers fall back into the Militia. They look well but are few & not the best disciplined. The Artillery has kept its reputation more equally from Capt. Buffington's day for near 30 years than any Company I have known. On Winter Island, firing at a target, they discovered that they did not excel tho' they once carried away the target. But they are fine men & so far as their instructions go, excellent.

19. The expectations of a war of U. S. with England is great in both Hemispheres. The evils of the Embargo were apprehended in Europe, from the great scarcity of provisions & the consequences of the War. The meanness of party men is never more apparent than when any sacrifices are required of them.

21. Sunday. Notes. John Ostrom & wife, he recovered & returned from sea. Abigail Webb, dangerously sick. Widow of Samuel. James Brown & wife, delivery, pr. for Son & friends at Sea. On Saturday dined with Capt. Ranney at Joshua Ward Esqr. & he informed me that Col. Tuttle has been at the Forts

with some sort of command as he said under Gen. Dearborn. Col. Boyd is in this quarter. He is jealous of Col. Miller who was under him & the competition between Harrison & Boyd has been serious & the people of the Western Country took sides in it. Harrison yields the command to Gen. Hull, & Boyd according to his expectations, is not yet promoted as Brigadier General. We learn that George Phippen, a youth influenced by the Baptists & sent for a time to Providence, has been lately ordained a Baptist Minister at Middleborough, Mass. Mr. Bolles of this town was the Preacher. This is the region in [which] the Historian of the Baptists, Mr. Bacchus, had his scene of glory & from whence we had his irradiations.

The Quakers or Friends have sent out their Bull[etin] ag[ainst] War. This uninformed sect led by their abstract notions are led by a party to throw every discouragement in the way of the public proceedings. It is however to be remarked that the Friends have contented themselves with the theory of their Sect. Our friend Mr. Crowninshield got great honour by a bold resistance in the Senate. The first agents were Worcester & Pearson. This time Morse & Spring. But the federalists tho' privately despising the thing & its object at this time, yet they deemed it too great a sacrifice of favour to refuse anything to these devotees, who have been so distinguished in their service. The present state of our country promises no kind intercourse & a probable war with Britain will afford new difficulties if not unsurmountable.

22. This day the official news of war with England reached us. It is signed on 18 instant. Its effect has been that the Merchants who have vessels at sea of both parties are the most displeased & violent. So accustomed have these men been to consider the extraordinary pains of their trade to the distress of Europe, so much the Law of their Government, & so accustomed have they been to dictate to the Constituted Authorities. They threaten dissolution of the Union.

23. Spent the afternoon with Mr. Ward's family at the Fort at Marblehead with Misses Wilson & Lieutenant Butterfield & some company accidentally at the Fort. Capt. Rannie did everything in his power to make time pass agreeably. The people of Marblehead were assembled upon the subject of giving notice to the Vessels on the banks in the fishery. We left them assembled. In Salem yesterday a meeting was called to oppose war. In the morning nothing done. In the afternoon some resolutions passed, unopposed, but at too late an hour. Another meeting is determined on for the morrow. The opposition make a full display of their power with such councillors as Pickering & the little fry who swim around him. The weather now begins to be something like Summer.

24. The plan for the celebration of 4 July next in Marblehead is for all who are able to prepare food for a public table at which the poor are to be fed by a general invitation.

25. The zeal for resistance to the Government abates. The most noisy confess the indiscretion of their treasonable speeches. An attempt was made to impose upon the public an opinion that the late tumults were the common voices, when the opposition party itself has not agreed in them & the republicans took no part & only a few of them attended.

26. Died in this town, Joseph Osgood, æt. 66. He was from Andover, self taught so far as he was taught. He has practiced [medicine] in Salem above 30 years. He married a Ward & lived in his family with reputation. One daughter married the only son of Col. Sprague, & another Samuel Derby, a son of the celebrated Richard. Mr. Osgood from decency of manners was admitted into the medical society & treated with respect but had no professional talents. He had some affection which he had long borne without proper attention. The increased danger obliged a surgical operation. He was supposed to be on the recovery & preparing to ride out, he sunk irrecoverably. His sons promise not much.

27 We have now the message & Declaration of War with England, and our Port has not been so busy for months. Privateers are all in the order of the Day & some are already arrived & fitted for sea, waiting only for commissions. We now recollect what James Otis said of our Manufactures; Mr. Dummer of our Society to our Country. Liberty once lost is lost forever; & what Dr. Franklin said of Canada in the hands of a foreign nation. Gen. Hull is established in his power in the North by the express approbation of Gov. Scot of Kentucky & Gov. Meigs of Ohio & was at Detroit. The Indians still aim to conceal their intentions. This afternoon with my young female singers at the Neck farm. We took Coffee together & were visited by several of their parents, &c.

28. Sunday. Mr. Bowers with me in the evening service. Nothing has occurred seriously. Many reports circulated with design. Another fast is to be the engine of public discontent to answer the purposes of ambitions & the Clergy threaten to be active on the great cause of sedition. The Meeting of the Methodists in Lynn last week had no memorable effect excepting the appointment of a preacher for Salem which is now ripe for any superstition from the different sects of Baptists which have obtained & are disunited, shifting & wanting new things.

29. The virulence of the war measures begins to abate. Some distinguished characters like Mr. King of New York & Dexter of Mass. have declared the importance of supporting our own govern-

ment. But while one party accepts this testimony every mad democrat who raves against war makes his peace instantly with the opposition whatever may have been his crimes.

30. The Representatives of Mass. have made an address to the people without discretion, the Gov. has issued his proclamation for a fast with due innuendoes & petitions, & assemblies have been encouraged to excite disaffection & dismember the Union.

July 1 [1812]. The Commissions came for the Privateers which had been already fitted in Salem Harbour. Capt. G. Crowninshield's pleasure Boat we met upon our return from Baker's Island in the offing, with 30 men going out, & afterwards another with 25 men all of whom had had some command in Merchant vessels. These were in a fishing smack called a Jigger. They were in fine spirits & huzzaed as they passed & we returned the salute. This Crew is a valuable one & upon any mishap must be a great loss to Salem. As we passed Marblehead harbour we found a privateer fitting for a cruise & found in Salem harbour others busy to be ready for sea. The number that will be out will be very great as some are fitting from our ports. This night an alarm of fire at Beverly. It proved to be a Grocer's shop near the lower Meeting House belonging to W. Homan. Mr. Dane tells me it stood upon the spot upon which formerly Ghalagher's house stood that was burnt. These & the fire in 1773 of Reverend Blower's house on the Common occupied by Mr. Dane make all the fires in the memory of my living.

2. Dr. Price told the British what they had to expect from a War with America. Our Alliance with France prevented the necessity of a Naval defence, which is now pressed upon us. The Dr. thinks every man must have been glad of the advantages of Syracuse over Athens. Quincy's Ghost, if not his Son, still calls upon us to do our duty. The thousand Ships which now guard the bay of Mass. between Cape Cod & Cape Ann is an encouragement to the activity of our Mariners. Never did so many causes combine to change the face of all America & to dissolve all dependence upon every European nation.

3. Several Privateers have sailed from Salem & four from Marblehead. The spirit increases & a little success would cover the American seas with them. The best provided privateer sailed from Salem this evening with 70 men. Various reports of success. The news from our seaports is consoling as opposition diminishes in the worst of them. Boston holds out longest, & is most licentious. But the worst passion, that of the Herald of N. Y. & the Repertory of Boston, cease from the high notes which they first raised, when they proposed seperation, resistance & violence. They seemed determined to submit only to the rod of power, & to oblige our citizens to chastise their insolence.

4. At the celebration of 4 July, we passed in procession to the Universal meeting & Mr. Pitman, a Gentleman of the Law, gave us a very suitable Oration on the occasion, not without taste & talents. There was no public entertainment. The day was honoured with bells & discharge of Cannon.

5. Sunday. Mr. Robinson, a pupil from Tennessee at Cambridge, with us at Capt. R. Stone's. Spaulding has left Salem on his tour & a son of his Preceptor, Bradford of Rowley, this day in his pulpit. Williams of Beverly Baptists endeavouring to recover his parish & remove the charges against him for freedom with his converts.

6. Went with J. Archer, Executor of Capt. B. Ward's will, for the probate of it, being a witness & being bound for said Archer with Capt. Penn Townsend on the occasion. Dined at Lord's as did a few families & on my return took tea at Capt. Henry White's seat in Beverly. His farm contains 180 acres. We passed it on a road I had never before seen. We entered at Wenham meeting house, passed on Topsfield road a mile, turned to the left, & rode westward to the pond in a pleasant road & came out at Upper Beverly Meeting house. We enquired for Revd. Fairfield formerly of Saco, now blind, but he was on a visit in Maine. After tea we came by the bridge over Porter's river through Northfields to Salem. The route by the Topsfield road is a mile further than in the post road. The prospect from the hills was rich & Capt. White tells us at his farm he can see 16 steeples besides that at Scituate. He keeps only 5 cows & could keep 20 if a proper person for a dairy could be obtained. Grass looks well.

7. Another Salem town meeting but no opposition from the Republicans. We are busy with privateers & the opposition say what they please in the name of the town. Gen. Goodale is to appear before a Court martial & another court is appointed for Capt. Bowditch of the Cadets of Salem. Gen. N. Lovejoy of Andover is buried this day. He died on Sunday of an apoplexy in one hour after complaining. He was educated at Cambridge, married for his last wife a Woodbridge of Salem. He was a man of good manners, much disposed to please & much used as a Magistrate. He was to have been on a committee to settle with the County Treasurer in Ipswich on Monday last. He did not hold his office as General of Brigade before he resigned it. He was often with us in our family.

8. Several arrivals from West Indies & South America.

9. Returned the Chebacco boat which we met in the offing last week with two prizes, one Ship & one Brig, which were taken with naval stores off Great Manan bound for England. The Vessels surrendered themselves without firing a shot. This is the beginning of

our naval expedition from this quarter. The Prizes in the bay.

10. This morning the prizes came in & they have excited great attention. The Captains are at a boarding house till further orders or the will of the Government is made known. In Salem, arrived British Ship Concord, prize to the Fame. Brig Sally with a Cargo of Salt, from New York, without regular papers, found at Eastport. A Brig bound from St. Andrews to England, prize to the Dolphin. News of several prizes taken by the Jefferson. A British Brig is at Portland, taken by the Fame. The privateer Madison has carried a British ship of 300 tons into Gloucester to which port the Madison belongs. More coming. The Jefferson lost one of her hands, a Frenchman named Lee, from a ball discharged from the ship in at Gloucester. No other lives lost as yet known to us.

11. Two Schooners in the port of Salem prizes to the Jefferson. The British force in the American seas said [to be] 3 Ships of the Line & about 20 Frigates with smaller vessels of war amounting in number to 60. One Merchant in Philadelphia has offered to loan a ship to Government. Rogers has had an action with the Belvidere in the President. The Belvidere escaped into Halifax. Petitions & addresses & Countersigns. Marblehead made a spirited answer to the Salem Cabal which has proposed a Convention at Ipswich under Pickering & his agents.

13. We are all alive in fitting out privateers against the English. All the address will not check this bold career & we hear of the success from all the neighbouring ports. I was this day on board of a Brig at the wharf laden with naval stores & commanded by a Scotchman. He says he has 1100 barrels of tar & all his cargo from U. S., and undoubtedly by smuggling. I saw an excellent bitch which he calls an Irish Bull but was offended that I called her a Dog.

14. The Fame, Chebacco boat, is gone upon another cruise. Several ships fitting out for privateering. Capt. B. Crowninshield tells me he has shipped this day above one hundred men for the ship John which he is to command. He is only son of the widow with whom I am at board. All is the bustle of privateering. Matthew Vincent, a very industrious man, has disappeared. He has married lately unfortunately, is strangely embarrassed & unaccountably, & has fled. From his habits he might have been thought wealthy. The public is much deceived.

15. Saw the Dart sail from North Field Bridge on a Cruise. It is said the same Vessel was employed in the same service last war. So Mr. James Stearns who holds a sixth part assures me. He says she is chiefly manned from North fields & carries 30 men. They began to fit out this week. They fired a gun at leaving the Wharf & gave three cheers which were cordially returned.

This is said to be the first from the bridge, a noted place in the war of the Revolution. The Vessel is small & has a full cargo in her crew & is fitted for sailing.

16. Our smaller Vessels are out, that are intended for a cruise. The Jefferson is indeed too small. Thirty men in a Sloop intended for a pleasure boat & where all could not be laid in bulk below must be uncomfortable. A good woman who saw them landing at her door in Maine, to buy some milk of her, justly observed to them "when I saw you landing, I could think of nothing else than so many goalins in a bread tray." Yet she was able to take many prizes & spread alarm along the shores of the bay of Fundy. She was a pleasure boat built & rigged by Capt. G. Crowninshield, second, for his amusement in the harbour.

17. We are preparing several ships of burden for the sea. The ships John, America, & Alfred will carry several guns & be able to dispute their claims with all the common fry of the British navy. The insults to Mr.* Wedgey a Rep. member of the House both in Boston & in Salem is an adequate proof of the virulence of party. Mr. Wedgey has not been afraid to speak his mind freely upon the interests of the nation. It is very rare that such excesses have taken place in Salem, & in this case the injury is from men who make the highest claims to good manners, virtues & all that are good things in society.

20. I went to Nahant with my H. C. & a daughter of J. A. my treasurer, who furnished horse & chaise. I was received kindly at Breed's & spent the day agreeably. We saw the bones of the head of the whale which had been exhibited in Salem several years ago which had been bleached in the sun, & found the skin & bones of a Sturgeon. We passed the beach very inconveniently at high water. We took small fish & visited the several parts of the shores & the Swallow rock.

21. Prizes continue to arrive. One Ship of 400 tons has been brought in by a boat mounting a swivel, tho' the Ship had guns aboard, but many hands being American would not fight. But to measure loss & gain we must recollect our rich ships carried into Halifax, so that the balance of amount is still against us.

23. Gov. Strong's fast. I stood in sermon an hour & an half to answer his questions in the Proclamation. Was the English Church the bulwark of our religion? Were the English the Cause of the War? Is the War with the Savage just? Is our War a Just one? In the evening I gave an hour to the obligation of military service. On the arrival of the Dolphin a successful privateer, we had a U. S. Salute in the morning. These little boats have done great service.

24. A Ship of 14 guns came in taken by a boat with 3 guns. This

*William Widgery, U. S. Representative from Mass.?

was done by stratagem & without injury. The resolution not to imitate the absurd conduct of the opposition induced our citizens to desist from all labours in fitting out their privateers on the day of fasting, so that as to labour the Town was in perfect silence, & good order.

27. Major How of Worcester was accompanied by my H[annah] C[rowninshield] to Nahant. When I was there last week friend Breed assured me that from 15 hens he had last Season sold 9 dollars worth of eggs & had then 150 fowls in his yard, which he called in my presence. He considers the raising of fowls as a very uncertain living with his utmost care & has had at times very great, & with apparently the same care, very little success. For a while he raised the Turkey wild & they were in great demand, but he has no success at present. The increase of houses of entertainment has not had an adequate reward, for such houses at the great head & a hotel at the western head, with a greater number in the vicinity of our Great towns, are an increase beyond the present demand, as Breed thinks.

28. At Nahant for the first time I found the taking of Lobsters was an employment in which a Company had engaged. The Lobsters are taken in a large basket resembling a Cage, opening at top to receive the lobster. These pots were placed around the Nahant in great numbers & friend Breed tells me have been very lucrative to those employed in taking them, demanding ready money. The number taken appeared to me incredible. I have taken a Chaise box caught in the sea grass on west side of Nahant.

29. Lynn & Marblehead have done their duty to the Gen[eral] Government in their resolutions. Osgood is writing again & other priests declaiming. Little Parish too. At the Neck farm saw the Dolphin privateer salute the fort as she went out. This active crew has been very successful & are not discouraged.

30. The Republicans agreed last evening to arm themselves. Two hundred subscribers were obtained yesterday & a correspondence is to be opened with all the towns in the county. The Governour will not arm the Militia in favour of the General Government & the Militia will arm themselves. The work must be done for our salvation. They have agreed to chuse their officers & proceed, to be in complete readiness.

31. A long continued & unusually rainy season. Yesterday some of our Ships taken under the orders of Council & carried into Halifax have sent us notice by a Cartel of their arrival at the port of condemnation. A Ship belonging to Peabody, merchant, is upon Cape Ann, running in in a Fog. Cash saved, uncertain how much more. At the fort this afternoon saw the first gun fired to bring to the fort a Schooner that did not answer

properly. The Cartel from Halifax was also put under the fort guns. Capt. Raney has such spirit as I admire in an officer. His intended wife D. of Col. H[athorne] & daughter were with us. H. C. & H. H. went down with me. We found there Dr. Shaw & wife & other company. Fort in good order for such a small place.

August 1 [1812]. Fifteen prizes in Salem harbour.

2. Sunday. Note. Alice Cotton, sick, in the Poor House. Last Friday dined in Salem, Samuel Ward, Esqr. et. 72. A man who took an active part in everything without doing much good or being well informed. When I first came to Salem he had embarrassed himself in the Customs & upon account of a supposed delirium, the State forgave the debt. He was a most zealous adherent to Dr. Whitaker & might be said to be the only man who never forsook him, but still he had a cupidious & ill stored mind. Upon the separation he continued with Spaulding & then with Worcester, & ended with Turner, the Universalist. I have never seen a man of greater zeal & less knowledge in the affairs of the Church as his changes evidently imply. He was appointed naval officer in the customs of Salem, but was always embarrassed. His children had a singular character & twelve of them survive him. A marked excentricity of life & condition distinguishes them of both sexes. The Mother was a Hodges, not wanting in natural powers, but in that distinguishing power from which a sober choice of friends would arise. Without moral reproach, her faith has been extravagant, her government without success & her character singular. We seldom meet with just such a man & family. He has been in the Legislature, was active, always ready with his opinion, positive, but a warm republican always. Without economy & having expensive children he was much embarrassed in the close of life & died in one of his states of derangement. And to finish the whole, the preacher Dr. Bernard that in his life he ridiculed, his children chose to officiate at his funeral.

9. Sunday. Note. Gamaliel H. Ward & wife, d. of his Father, pr. for Br. absent.

10. The conversation now upon the Convention of the Malcontents to overrule the election of President & do something more if they can. In Boston they have been so long accustomed to deal with a high hand, that they have distrusted their fears.

12. The Essex Frigate has sent a prize to Baltimore. The Constitution's men did duty says their Commander in escaping from a British Fleet. Our Naval Adventures are still in good spirits.

13. News of the capture of 3 privateers from Boston who have been carried into Halifax so that the number of prisoners in that port from our States amounts to 700. So obstinate has the oppo-

sition been, that this event has been a subject of public congratulation. So high are parties that Lieut. Gov. Gray having said he could willingly expend all his wealth in defence of the Government, Israel Thorndike, lately of Beverly now of Boston, replied & he would as willingly spent all to oppose it. Such is the state of parties.

14. Mr. H. Knox, son of late Gen. Knox, with me with letters from President Adams. He has been in our Navy & since on the study of physic. He proposes to go in one of our privateers to fit himself to reenter with honour into our national marine service. The rain has been very plentiful & extraordinary at this season. Much damage will be done in the fields & many reports of the ruin have reached us. We are so accustomed to aggravate everything that we see nothing common even in nature. Our privateers are fitting out with true courage. The Alfred is in the harbour. The America ready to leave the wharf & an armed Brig upon construction ready for sea.

16. Sunday. The most common topic now is respecting the Political Sermons of the late Fast. In Salem we have had only one printed Sermon and that from the noted S. Worcester. It is rather in common place slang, & by insinuation, wicked like the man so that it can have little effect. His brother Noah at Salisbury is another sort of man & he has helped much the other way, so that we can accept Sam for Noah's sake, as they write in competition. A Miltimore is announced from a parish in Newbury Port & Newbury but nothing is said about the man or his performance.

17. The Ship John returned after three weeks cruise having manned eight prizes & taken 11. Two have reached the port. Capt. B. Crowninshield had no engagement with any armed vessels. This gives new spirits.

18. With our friends in Northfields, at Widow Berry's at tea. The talk now is of a northern armistice so that negotiation has begun anew. So our Government is overawed by the friends of Britain in our States.

20. The President's Fast. The Third for the season. So much Privateering in Salem rendered it impossible to know how our own Inhabitants would have observed it. Not a person opposed to the Administration was with us in the Evening service, & they are not such minds as commonly are called self directed. No interruption however took place in the town. Some persons spoke as feebly against the Government as some did for it. However the Government was the most favoured in the end & lost nothing.

21. We have had a third prize of the Ship John which arrived this day. Very busy people are the people with their privateers.

The Alfred has sailed, the America getting ready. Montgomery fit for sea, besides the Dolphin, &c. The Dolphin from her Letters has found that her American vessels from England are loaded with British property &, we learn from their Attorney, in great Amount. So that the bringing in of American vessels sailing from England with English Goods, after the Non Importation laws has not been fruitless.

23. Sunday. Note. Wid. Elizabeth Fairfield, dang. sick. Son Wm. at sea. Sister of late Capt. John Becket. The President's Proclamation for a day of humiliation has been recommended by some Governours & some dignified Clergymen. It was observed in Massachusetts but not noticed by the civil or any ecclesiastical authority. This I deem correct, because it implies that it is of itself authority & cannot admit of a higher & is a concession indeed of the Supreme authority of the General Government at least in this article. When it was noticed, it was undoubtedly in a favourable sense, as such things usually pass through other hands in the State & Church.

24. We had our School Visitation by the new hands. Mr. Hacker's indisposition prevented his school from the exercises & we lost much good writing. Mr. Berry in the East school gave some pleasing exercises of memory. Mr. Gray of the Centre the best general proficiency in correct reading. Mr. Dodge of Northfield gave a comparative improvement which did honour to his industry as he had rude materials to form. Mr. Stephens in the Grammar School, a pretty collection of boys but a general decency of performance throughout. After the exhibitions Hon. B. Pickman spoke in his manner, Rev. Fisher addressed & Dr. Prince prayed.

26. Was at Nahant. Gen. Eliot & several parties from Boston there. Gov. Gerry & family had been there. Fine day. The first of that kind from the pleasant state of the Atmosphere, for the whole summer. Youngest d. of Mr. Townsend Esq. with me.

27. The Ship America ready for sea with 16 guns, left the wharf & went down into the Harbour. We have now three Ships & an armed Brig ready for sea laying in the harbour. The Alfred carried away some of her Spars & returned. The Montgomery, Baltimore fast sailing brig, carried away a top mast. The John lays under sailing orders & it is expected all will said on Sunday next. The America is commanded by Capt. Joseph Ropes, a firm & good Seaman.

28. The insult offered to the Officer bringing English prisoners from Gloucester when at Beverly has not been repeated. The charge has now been left to noncommissioned officers & the brave Commissioned Officers would not be challenged. Another member of Congress like Mr. Widgery would not be again insulted in Salem. The people were not prepared to expect such outrage from a blustering opposition, but are now prepared.

30. Sunday. Notes on the death of Widow Rebecca Fairfield. Sara Fairfield, d. of her Mother in Law, wife of Eldest, Wm., at sea. John Fairfield & wife & Brother & Sister, d. of his Mother, pr. for Br. at Sea. Joseph Phippen & wife, d. of her Mother Fairfield, pr. for Br. at Sea. Wm. Peele & wife & Sisters Silsbee & Cloutman, d. of their sister Fairfield, pr. for son Peele at sea. The sale of Rev. J. S. Buckminster's Library discovers that Literature & Theology have some reputation at least for the increase of public Libraries. I wrote to Dr. Eliot to get for me Eichorn's Bibliothek which sells at 33 Cents a number & he informs me that it sold at 25 Cents a Volume & that he bid 2D. a volume for me & found bidding higher was in vain. He observes all the Books were sold higher than at any valuation & the following he gives as specimens from Books bought for Salem Athenaeum. Stephen's Thesaurus for 225 dollars, Wettstein, 50 D., Griesback, 25 D. According to this Sale he tells me my Library would be worth 6000 Dollars. But I remember whence part of my Library came. From the sale of Dr. Chauncey's and many of them cost only 6 cents a volume & hard sale at that.

Last week Commencement at Cambridge. We are told out of doors that not a very promising Class has received the public honours. The Graduates were 43. An incident happened which discovers the spirit of the times. Bigelow, a Candidate for a Master's degree, was in the affray at Baltimore whither he had gone from Cambridge where his friends live, to pursue his studies & practice of Law. He was received with a shout when he appeared on the Stage by a concerted plan of the Graduates.

Mr. H. Knox, who has resided at Dartmouth College, a Student in Medicine with Dr. Smith, tells me that Dartmouth College, N. H. is upon the wane. The President has no consent with the other Officers about the Church in that place set up against Dartmouth Church where the students have generally worshipped. These dissensions have reduced the number of students nearly one-half. Some late expulsions have also given alarm as they were upon suspicion & disapproved by the President. The Cause was discharging a Cannon against a partition in the public rooms which the Students thought inconvenient to them. Mr. Knox tells me the President is late at his studies & rises early tho' at 70 years. That his capital fault is his avarice, which he indulges. That he has but one Daughter who he reserves for some College officer, &c., having refused many addresses as she puts herself under his direction. His Book of Everything, which the eye of Criticism frowned upon, when the Printer asked in England the probable success, is yet in hand, & as the President says "Getting ready." Mr. Knox says "the Pr. is a man of General Science," but the world expects little from his labours when life has ended.

From the specimen I saw in the Professor of Languages I had not raised expectations of the abilities with which the institution was conducted. Nor did I see anything when at the place which inspired high respect. The Library I never saw, nor apparatus, nor Museum. Perhaps the increase of Colleges in Vermont, & the College in the western part of Massachusetts as well as the College in Maine, may have dried up the sources of the College at Hanover which is nearly central to all of them.

31. This day is in free circulation the Hand Bill informing us of the success of the Constitution commanded by Capt. Hull in taking the *Guerriere* under Capt. Dacres carrying 49 guns & having 302 men. As the *G.* was much disabled & had lost her masts it was thought best to take her hands out & burn her. Capt. Hull reached Boston yesterday. This morning a Salute from the Ships in our Harbour published the general joy. In the evening of this day Commodore Rogers & his squadron arrived. The Squadron included the President, United States, & Congress, Frigates, Sloop of War *Hornet*, & Brig *Argus*. The Squadron had been off the English Channel, along the Coast of France, Spain & Portugal & within 30 miles of the Rock of Lisbon. Had seen Porto Santo & Madeira Islands also Corvo & Flores. Cruised afterwards a fortnight on Grand Bank & by Cape Sable passed to Boston. They had on board 120 prisoners. July 2 took an English Brig. July 4 Another & burnt them. July 10, Brig *Dolphin*, Letter of Marque 14 guns. July 24, ship *John*, 16 guns, L. of Marque. Aug. 2 a Brig with 10 th. D. specie. Aug. 17 a Schooner. Aug. 24, recaptured the *Polly* of Marblehead, spoke many Vessels.

September 1 [1812]. We are told from Boston that a public dinner had been offered Capt. Hull which he declined. In the public joy no party appeared to oppose it. We have lately had a new appearance. The Boston Infantry & the Salem have exchanged visits & have been encamped in turn on their respective parades. These visits have been exchanged only with particular men & seem adapted to break the spirits of our other military associations & to familiarise the movements of troops that we might not apprehend danger till it bursts upon us. Much caution should be used.

3. Died William Browne, a Deacon, Warden of the Second Church, æt. 79. He came into office with Capt. B. Ward at my ordination in 1783 & they have remained nearly 30 years together & died together. Mr. Browne was in his youth for some time as a youth in the family of Dr. Amos Putnam of Danvers, who died lately at a very advanced age. In his youth he learned the Taylor's trade & was distinguished by the name of his occupation from the W. B. of the first family in Salem. He practiced his trade for many years at the head of Union wharf in a small build-

ing belonging to the Browne estate & afterwards used as a School house by Mr. Watson who was heir to that part of the estate by Capt. W. Pickering. Br. Browne then removed to a shop which he bought upon a waterlot at the foot of Curtis street below Derby street, & he purchased a house in Curtis street in which he lived above 30 years & in which he died. By engaging in a little shop & of an uncommon economy, he retailed groceries & kept boarders till he purchased the part of the Andrew Estate eastward of Washington Square, of the Town swamp above the Common. Here he carried on the Tanning business for several years with one of his Sons & upon the rise of real estate he laid out Andrew street & still possesses several lots & dwelling houses as well as other buildings upon it. He married three times & had three excellent wives. The first was Mercy White with whom he lived 30 years. He then married Phoebe Ganson who married a Porter, a Carlton & for her third husband Mr. Browne. She never had any children. His last wife, who survives him, was a Collins, & the widow Orne when she married him, she also had no children. He has left 9 children with g. children & gg. children. His elder son is in good reputation. Three daughters are widows. Three live with their husbands & the youngest unmarried. In the Church, Mr. Browne provided for the tables which he never neglected & the new arrangements were so well observed that we always had a sum for charity after all expenses. He was small in person, active, & on Monday last was in every part of the town. He said, since a turn last winter, he was often faint & he fainted last week in his field. His indisposition last winter seemed lethargic inclining to paralysis but without any visible effect after his recovery. It was of the same kind when he died. He lay Tuesday & Wednesday insensible & died this day at 11 a. m. A man of the best affections to his family & much maligned.

4. Mr. Browne buried this day from the expediency of such interment. A long procession of his posterity. The whole number amount to 68 surviving, whole number 81. We now have satisfactory evidence of the surrender of Detroit with a little army under Hull. We have pleas in his favour from the public but not his official account of the surrender. It is said his men were sick, ill provided, surrounded & such like things. It is a matter of great exultation to the public Enemy & too much humiliation to our Government, not to alarm even the vilest opposers it finds at home.

6. Sunday. Note. Mary Browne & Children, d. of her husband Deacon William Browne, pr. children & g. children at sea.

The zeal of the Congregational ministers against the war with England has not abated. In this town besides the minister of the Tabernacle, the junior minister of the New South, B[rown]:

E[merison] has published repeatedly political sermons. The other Sects profit from this indiscretion & threaten the extirpation of the Cong. Churches if this zeal continues.

7. In visiting Deacon Browne's family I find his surviving posterity amount to 68 & the whole number to 81 as given in the following Table. His own surviving Children 9. James, 11 living & 2 dead. Benj., 8 living & 2 dead. D.* Wife of W. Ropes, eldest daughter, 8 living & two dead. Hanna, W. of J. Vincent, 7 living & one dead. Masury†, Wid. of 5 living & one dead. Hill,‡ Wid., 6 living & 4 dead. Welman, 6 living & none dead. His d. Wid. of Capt. Roche never [had] any children. The G. Grandchildren are 8 living & one dead.

Dined with me this day J. J. Nicholson of Maryland, Lieutenant of the U. S. Ship Congress, with Mr. Robinson of Tennessee, & Mr. Dunlap of University of Cambridge. With us Revd. Bowers. This day with several friends I was on board the America of 16 guns just before she left the harbour of Salem for the first time fitted for a cruise against the British shipping. She appeared to be well provided & is praised as the best ship ever fitted from this Port for an armed vessel. She has been in the Merchant Service & belongs to the firm of Crowninshield. Capt. Joseph Ropes has the highest reputation as a Naval Commander & his father was distinguished in the last war. The Ship was built in Salem by Retire Becket, an eminent Master Builder.

8. I was again with the Court to open with prayer. As it was a District Court I could have less objection. At these times it was not a situation to be preferred. Hitherto I have declined in the Superiour Court at which I was summoned &c. The Loss of Detroit is accompanied with sad reports from Fort Dearborn & Wayne. Our Settlements are placed in a most awful situation & the conduct of Hull appears more & more reprehensible. The public indignation rises against him.

9. Gen. Hull's capitulation horrid. Col. Miller behaved bravely at Miami. We have in Hull a worse than Braddock or St. Clair defeat.

10. News that Lieut. Larabee of 4th Reg. and lately upon this station, was wounded at Brownstown & lost his left arm. He fought after his arm was useless to him & assisted at removing the ordnance. Every tribute is paid to his bravery. Dined at R. Stone with Capt. Handy of the Polly, Mr. Robinson, &c. Handy is from Portsmouth, N. H. & esteemed. Suspensions are entertained that Hull by giving up Michagan has gotten rid of the Detroit Bank by which he was involved when Gov. of the Territory. Detroit Bills long since were in Salem Market at a Cent a Dollar &

*Mary Browne married William Ropes.

†Nancy Browne married Samuel Masury.

‡Betsey Browne married John Hill.

for some time nothing. The fate of thousands is nothing to an unprincipled speculator as he appears to have been, having been well acquainted with his neighbour Gen. Brook, Gov. of Upper Canada, & having been in many a scene of dissipation with him. So we go.

11. With Mr. Gould a Graduate of Cambridge this year & with his Mother from Dorchester. The family were among my youthful acquaintance when Dr. Rice & my Classmate Smith addressed two daughters of the family, & when Dr. Foster addressed Miss Elkins, since Sleuman & Wiggen & d. of my Landlady. Madam Foster is dead. Madam Bird above 80 years of age still living. By them I hear the jealousies between the two Pastors, Harris & Codman. Codman gave an extraordinary notice of his friend going to England, & put under his door a card, to beware of persons issuing a new catechism. These articles were exhibited to the Council. Some reports also unfavourable to Harris were put in circulation. Orthodoxy has proved consummate villainy in most of our jealous clergy in New England, so far as my knowledge goes.

13. Sunday. Notes. William Burrill & wife, d. of their daughter, æt. 14 years. He Son of Mansfield B. Wid. Eunice Perkins, d. of her Brother William Phelps, æt. 65. She has two sons and one d., sons at Sea & is the youngest of 6 daughters, four living. Wids. Harthorne, Webb, Southard & Perkins. John Nichols, her delivery, 8 children living. Brother absent. He Sexton. The Boston Baptist Association is to meet this week at Salem. These creatures follow to catch what falls. The indiscretion of some preachers in this town has given some alarm and these friends of superstition, because they are friends of the humblest means of maintaining it will be ready with open mouths to catch what falls from the birds as they fly over. The prominent faults of the political pulpit declaimers of the times is their want of ability to get their whole lesson by heart, so as to repeat it with advantage. The Congregational Clergy are suffering much from their extraordinary liberties. The other sects find their account in it & are not a little busy in their harvest. The newspapers notice this throughout the Union, but particularly in New England. And even such as presume to write in favour of the Government are not content with reasoning on the subject. The following is from a Sermon by Mr. Giles at Newbury Port. "We reject the truth of revealed religion. This one of the trying sins of our land. Errours which were almost obsolete are reviving, & the professors of these pernicious doctrines are daily multiplying & increasing by which the glories of Christ are laid prostrate in the dust & the object of the Christians dearest hopes degraded, & brought down to a level with the creature, so that we had need to tremble

for the prospect before us." Then he proceeds to tell what of this an established religion & what would our fathers have been.

14. A Ship, prize to the Montgomery, saluted the town this morning. The news of the success of the Essex & of the taking of the Alert by her has been welcomed. We have just begun to take the rich prizes. A Jamaica ship is at Portsmouth. We are now fitting out the Alexander, a fine Ship, to follow the America, John & Alfred.

15. This evening the authors of the riot in Baltimore have sent their notice of a prosecution of the Salem Register for some libel upon that transaction. It is at least one way of making the paper known. The Paper is printed & published by an honest young man who has his diligence to recommend him & not his education. The establishment was made by private citizens who have not yet been repaid by the printers & who complain of this small effort for the paper. The Printer is able to make no payment to any man disposed to aid him & is scarcely able to pay a few workmen, find paper, pay his rent & supply his family with the necessaries of life.

17. Six men in a Sloop, balasting at Baker Island, loaded too deep, & upon their return between Eagle Island & Bowditch's Ledge, their Sloop sunk & four persons perished. Two by fastening to a boarding plank reached the Beverly shore & were saved. We have few such accidents. Such vessels are always engaged & this is the only instance for 30 years since I have been in Salem. Our English prisoner lays ill of his wounds. The relief he has is generous, but even this charity partakes of the spirit of party, so high it runs in every thing among us.

18. The loss of the Dolphin Privateer is supplied by our young Adventurers. A Pilot built Vessel has been purchased at New York & is to come round & be fitted for sea. The prizes in this quarter have not been of great value. I am told that a Lumber Vessel bound for England sold for about 500 Dollars & her cargo about 200 d., rigged as a Brig, & two hundred tons. The smaller vessels sell better because they can be put into immediate use & the larger vessels must be useless during the war, & we had enough of our own building for our Commerce, which are now lying at our wharves unemployed.

19. The Essex U. S. Frigate has brought in the Alert, Sloop of War, another Naval honour. Dined at Dr. Stearns with Midshipman John Standsbury, son of the Sp. of Maryland. He is at present indisposed. It is a pleasure to find such young men disposed for the public service as do honour to our Navy. He has been four years in the service & is now in the United States, 44 guns Commanded by Comm. Decatur.

20. Sunday. Note. Joseph Porter & wife for his preserva-

tion as mentioned Thursday last. He was the Master of the Sloop & by the boarding planks escaped. He injured his side & discharged blood after he reached home but at present is comfortable. The other man is well. His name is Nathan Fish, & has been employed as a Carter & Laborer in Salem. The four persons who were in the sloop disappeared when the Sloop sunk. These two men got as far from the sloop Defiance as they could & so received no injury. The missing are — Read from New Salem, came to town for his health, said a Schoolmaster; James Pickering of New Market, N. H., æt. 21, had been a Carter & engaged in the Privateer Alexander; Henry Brown, a Swede, æt. 26, also a Seaman; Samuel Moulton of Moultonborough, N. H., æt. 27, of a good family.

22. We have another Privateer from New York to take the place of the Dolphin we lost.

23. Several of our Militia Companies upon Parade this day.

24. This morning for the first time I saw a Vessel in this harbour of Salem with Tautoug for the market. About one hundred. Tautoug was a novel sight. For a few years as I have already said we have had this fish in small numbers on our shores. I took them at Nahant & on Marblehead side & bought them from persons who took them at Beverly Bridge & in Salem Offing. This freight of fish was brought, as the man said, from the neighbourhood of Block Island where they abound.

25. My old friend Williams of Beverly with me, poor & infirm in his old age, living at Woodbury's end. Two prizes belonging to the Montgomery in this morning. Not of great value in the market. We have Military Associations in Salem & throughout the Country. The Opposition are alarmed at them. It is observed that the Marblehead men are more muscular & stocky than those of Salem, but those of Salem are taller, better formed & appear to greater advantage in the ranks of the militia. By stocky a common & vulgar name is intended, shorter, thicker & stronger frame, not fat of any kind. Saw a Shad taken at Northfield Bridge this day by a boy with a line from the Bridge.

26. The use made of the Election campaign has made it necessary for the friends of the administration to speak out. Capt. Hull offers Lieut. Morris to the public favour, & his brave seaman who nailed the flag to the mast. Our infant Navy has high reputation deservedly.

27. Sunday. The last papers inform us of the d. of Rev. Joel Foster of E. Sudbury. When I preached in Malborough in 1779 I heard of this man as having excited great attention. He went & settled somewhere else as they were much divided in Malborough, I suspect in New Salem, 1780, & upon some account left. I never saw him till my friend Gibaut went to Gloucester. Then

this man came & preached & kept a school in Old town & from thence went to E. Sudbury where he died Sept. 25, æt. 58. He was a man of some strength of mind, not energy of manner. In 1802 he must have left New Salem having been there 22 years. In 1803 he was at East Sudbury so that the time he spent in Gloucester was in the winter of 1802-3.

Another specimen has lately occurred. The noted John Brown who has been so much caressed among us, from Cincinnati, Ohio, a stray preacher from England & who gathered a handsome sum from the Fed[eralist]s of Marblehead, is suspected of some fraudulent applications of his money collected for the Miami college. The Marblehead Contributors have been told the money is to be applied to support a Rep. paper called Liberty Hall & they are very angry & threaten hard. I have heard some things he said when he left Salem which rendered him suspected. Of the books I gave him I heard he said he should know what to do with them. If they did not help the College they might help him. He has my money for a map of Ohio which he has not yet sent. I have heard nothing about him since he left Salem. Both Parties claimed him.

28. This evening died my old friend Henry Rhust, æt. 76. I first knew him at Boston in 1773 & was most hospitably received by him during the siege & afterward when I preached in Beverly in 1782. Lodging at his house when I could not pass the ferry. After my settlement in Salem he became my steady friend. One of his sons married a cousin. I was with him & spent the evening a fortnight before he died. He was from Ipswich, a Cabinet maker. He enriched himself by privateering Vessels of which he was Owner & Agent, having never been at sea. He was a man of great integrity & of steady habits, so that through life he passed commonly by the name of Elder Rhust. He has a considerable interest in Lands in Norway, Maine, & two Sons settled there. He has one son in Boston & one in Salem. One d. has married an Austin of Boston & one remains in the family in Salem. He has several dwelling houses, stores & wharves & other real estate in Salem. The first wife a Janes, his second, widow Benson, family name Foster. This match did not give content tho' the family at length resigned their opposition to it. He had always been of the Cong. Church & united with Dr. Barnard's friends in their seperation. His benevolence of temper made him listen to Mr. Murray, the Rellyite, at Boston & at length he assisted to build a Universal Meeting House in Salem. The building was put upon his land for which he had no payment. His zeal suffered him to indorse for the undertakers, for whom he still remains bound to pay as he assured me lately. This gave him serious concern as he had arranged all his affairs with the world & several thousand dollars made it necessary to have new cares. He

had attached such property as he found belonging to the persons for whom he had indorsed, but he was not indemnified. From his last conversation I am persuaded he would not have been bound for the same sect again, as his zeal was abated, but his honest heart held his promise sacred. He never would abandon his first minister & continued his contributions till his death. We all three visited him & performed religious service around the bed of death. I think his vexation with his new sect which could not make him a better man contributed to injure his health. He told me it was new work to look out for rogues & it troubled him.

October 1, 1812. Went with Mr. W. Stearns to Newbury Port. At Ipswich, I visited Mr. Noyes, the Register of Probate, & talked of antiquities. Of Mr. Jacob Farley I remembered hospitality. At Newbury Port, I was with Rev. John Giles. He tried to excuse his plagiarisms but upon the whole he has done us no good. He sent his sermons to the Great. He has a pleasant family of girls. I visited my old friend Capt. Joseph Noyes, a firm man advancing to 4 score, & Capt. Knap, of the same advanced age, by whom I have had the best Isle of Shoals fish for years. And Mr. Pierce who has reached 90 years. He is a firm Calvinist with the spirit of a good man & an intelligent one. After exchange of civilities he asked for Robert Fleming's Confirming work of religion. This is one of the best as well as a ripe Christian. His religion has assisted all his faculties. Mr. Giles took pleasure in shewing me the Artillery Company because it is Republican. The other company we saw, he did not give a name to them. Comparison was in favour of home both in appearance & discipline. We returned, as we came, by the old Byfield way, as the bridge on the Parker over the turnpike was rebuilding & so turned in at the Academy which was under great repairs & perhaps in vacation as we saw no pupils or signs of them. This Dummer Institution has been almost unknown since the death of Master Moody. They have an Academy at Newburyport upon the entrance of the town by the turnpike. At Ipswich we visited on our return the late sheriff Farley (Jabez) but his family was absent. We saw Miss Manning, d. of Dr. M. of Georgetown at her Uncle's, & Miss Heard one of our Companions at Nahant. Miss Andrews was at Boston. We took Coffee at Dodge's in Wenham & reached Salem at 8 P. M.

2. We were entertained by the Music of the Company which attended the Court Martial held in this town upon Gen. Goodale of Danvers. Some Military indiscretions or neglects have furnished a plea for political persecution & he has been delivered, as is usual, into the hands of his enemies. All the charges exist everywhere against Military conduct in the militia from mere ignorance of Law. It is a day of triumph. And yet the oppo-

sition have not yet promoted one man of military talents. Their late Col. Archer of Salem after having shamefully abused credit is now a barber in Boston, ever of small capacity & worse manners, & now addicted to the low vices. These two last days have the beauty of the Indian Summer & are welcome in this extraordinary season, the mean of which Dr. Holyoke says is three degrees below anything he has known in his long life. We call it the year without a summer.

4. Sunday. A very heavy rain storm till the morning Service began & then again between the services. Effect well known. Notes. John Hunt & wife, d. of her sister in law Dunckly. She a Stanley of Marblehead. Mr. Dunckly, b. of Mrs. Hunt, lived near the upper Danvers Meeting House. Last Wednesday was the anniversary Sermon of the Female Asylum S[ociety] of Salem. As Mr. H. Rhust's funeral came at the same hour & I was invited to walk among the relations my first obligations were with Mr. R's family so I was not at the Meeting House. But the annual discourse involves some very interesting portions of the history of this Institution. It begun from pure Charity, & becoming popular, it soon multiplied its members without any inquiry into the views they entertained. At length they have purchased a house for the habitation of their young children & appear to have some property. It has become the pride & the interest of the Clergy to appear to take a part & they have injured the institution by their interference. At first it was of jealousy at what house they should worship & Dr. Bernard was capable of being pleased with the preference of his own assembly. But they found the best domestic guide they could obtain belonged to the sect of the Baptist & she would not renounce her minister for her employment. The children were suffered to accompany her. So far Mr. Bolles has succeeded. Mr. Worcester by his female friends had interest enough to exclude Mr. Turner the Universalist, tho' the wife of Mr. T was a member. This was done by objections not by a vote. The vote obtained but he was informed of the prejudices. Dr. Bernard upon the excuse of Mr. Turner proposed a Boston minister who prudently declined, & Mr. Abbot of Beverly was appointed & accepted. To flatter Mr. B. his house was assigned for the service, & his organ & his church were induced to consent to the public baptism of the children in the patronage of the society of charity. This gave alarm to Mr. Bolles, the Baptist, in whose assembly the children worshipped, & to whose society the Domestic Guide belonged. Mr. Bolles informed Dr. Barnard that such of his society as were members should object to infant baptism, & if it were performed should withdraw. The children were not offered accordingly. Dr. B's church now feel offended & remonstrate, & a meeting of the members is to be

called to consider of the state of this affair. Mr. Abbot, their ann[iversary] preacher, gave a specimen of his political wisdom to the members, so that from political & religious interference the charity is in danger. Four Clergymen are immediately concerned, & their friends & the rest are disposed to prefer their respective remedies in this state of the Charity. It seems the persons appointed to direct are females of little information & of a character rather formed to the pride of condition than to the principles of affection. They are of consequence from those being the most wealthy of the fanatics & as they are generally poor in all respects, this relation gives them more importance than they would get in any other societies. This self importance must be seen & the indiscretions of the love of popularity, eagerly sought by the clergy, who depend on their numbers, rather than virtues, has given it liberty to discover itself. We now find that all our wealth has not extinguished our meaner passions, but rather fed them. And in these facts we have too full a picture of the real state of society in the present generation. Liberal & enlightened Citizens must expect little respect to their authority.

5. The attempts to recover the Sloop which sunk in Eagle Island channel have been unsuccessful as yet. It is a useful experiment. The Privateer Ship Alexander left this port this day commanded by Capt. Welman. The Decatur which sailed from this port, belonging to Newbury & partly owned here, has done wonders. One of her rich prizes has reached Portland. A prize in at Portsmouth for sale this week called the Falmouth had 459 hds. & 20 tierces of Jamaica rum, 145 puncheons rum, 21 tierces of Coffee besides logwood & fustic. The Capt. of the Decatur named Nichols.

6. By conversation with Deacon Prince's G. Daughters, who have passed four score, I find Deacon Willard's house was where Mrs. Andrews lives now, just as Ives Lane or Pleasant street opens into Essex, & on the left going westward. The old house enlarged by the son. Deacon Prince's on the Corner of the Common opposite Ives' or on west side. Deacon Elvin's on the point below Daniel's. Deacon Webb in Hardy street, opposite Pope's on the n. side of Derby st. Deacon Ward in Elm street, opp. Deacon Phippen's. Deacon Very's now standing next to the house in which I live opp[osite] Elder Brown's, n. side of Essex bet. Union & Walnut street, bounding on Town Swamp now Common or Washington square. Deacon Brown lived on E. side of Curtis street opposite John Brown's and Deacon B. Ward, Essex opp[osite] Daniels street bounding on Common. Deacon Andrews lived in the Higginson house, where now Archer's brick building, Newbury street & facing Essex street, opposite Elder Brown's which is now standing. Nine Deacons of the East or 2d Church.

8. Attended the funeral at the Charity House of Richard Fanenhall, æt. 43. He said he was from Amsterdam, came to Mr. N. Curtis on Union Wharf. Appeared deranged, talked of his funeral. Got out of the Chamber window at midnight, walked the wharf. In the morning called for a hearty breakfast, went about noon to Webb's Apothecary shop, said he wanted to be overhauled, dropped down & died. Whether he used unfair means suspected only. Two physicians who attended him did not discover it. He was an intemperate man. From the false application of Laudanum to a Child in the same house it appears that it was in the house. The child is in great danger from the use of it, being burnt by hot coffee.

9. Treated with Ames' sweeting, & Lady blush apples by Capt. Sage. The unusually bright appearance of Venus has been observed. One morning I rose & found it at the altitude of the moon & about her apparent diameter south of it, & it surprised me as I did not at first conceive that it was the same planet. In our town we have had a succession of troublesome Idiots, one of which was buried this afternoon. John Macmellon, after putting fire to several buildings, died in the Charity house. Andrew Lefevre, buried this day, has been possessed of violent passions & was dreaded as an enemy. John Rowell has done many injuries to cattle. He attempted to saw a hog's head of. Joseph Fairfield is of a milder temper but light fingered. The fathers of all these boys or young men were not natives of Salem. One a foreigner & 3 in the vicinity, & the father's family had some excentricity attached to them. The mothers were of less force, excepting one who belonged to a family perhaps of very nearly delirious habits. The debility seemed to be in the female & the derangement in the male race. The first was excentric, violent & by himself. The second irregular in all his habits, of a silly wit, but not without some capacity but unsteady. The third violent, odd, not personally deranged in his natural habits, but his wife often so, rather feeble than otherwise in mind. The last died in the Guinea trade, young. His Brother equally promising when young, excentric, greatly so & died in the Common Charity house. None of these cases were purely accidental, or from mere circumstances of birth, & perhaps none without moral causes. These were extraordinary cases as none of the families were depressed by poverty, or without some branches in good reputation, & as the idiots were allowed to proceed far before any interference of the police was admitted.

11. Sunday. Notes. Abigail Webb & the children, death of her Mother Abigail Webb. Richard Palfrey & children, d. of his d. A. Webb, pr. for sons absent. Judith Webb, d. of D. in law A. Webb, pr. for a son at sea. Edward Haes, pr. for his wife sick.

Church music has been regarded with particular attention. Whether the competition of the numerous publications on the subject has occasioned it, or the desire of improvement, is a question. We have sixty collections in circulation in N. E. of which Mr. Holyoke the best musical editor in our part of the country, gave me a list. These editors urge societies to patronize their works & now Churches of particular Communion. We have had something like this in Salem. A few men of a particular society make a collection & patronize it. In this Collection no talents are displayed & perhaps only some few prejudices indulged.

12. We had in the market immediately from the water the true Herring answering perfectly to the *Clupea harengus* or English Herring & very distinct from the species common on our coast, called Alewife & Hardhead. The fisherman who sold them, assured me that he took them near Beverly shore, & he then had his cart full of fish & sold them at 10 cents a dozen. They eat very well. They were put immediately into a thin pickle & then divided their lengths, & separated from head, fins & skin. Then fried in sweet butter & with a slice of pork & offered for the table.

13. I was in pursuit of good fruit of the season. I found not Mr. Heusler the German Gardner at the Derby Gardens at his home, but was informed he had no fruit. I stopped at Mr. Joshua Ward's garden and was afforded some apples & plums. Out of several private gardens I obtained a few apples, but nothing of superior quality. We have not reached a higher state of fruit gardens than this. What is done as yet beyond the common fruit of the market, is not competent for the supply of private families. Died Amos Le Fevre, father of Andrew, & Henry White's wife was buried, a Safford.

15. We had our Regimental Review. Brig. General Putnam reviewed & Col. Perley Putnam commanded the Regiment. Both these men are friends of the Madison Administration. Gen. Putnam was graceful & correct. Col. Putnam has military character with his style to secure the discipline, patience, & affections of his Militia. The Mechanic Light Infantry was on the right & the Salem Light Infantry on the left. Capt. James King of the Salem Infy. acted as Major of the Regiment which placed the Com[pany] on the left. I attended the review of the morning, but not the exhibition of the Evening. The Horse was at the review in the morning, but not on the parade in the afternoon. All were pleased. The want of artillery in the exhibition took away the Grandeur. It was a skirmish not a battle.

16. We had not the delightful atmosphere of yesterday. Four companies of Artillery were on the parade all belonging to the Brigade. A strange review to separate the Artillery. The Com-

panies of Artillery were from Lynn, Danvers, Gloucester & Salem. Gen. Putnam reviewed. It is said Col. Hovey would not submit to be reviewed by the Gen[eral], or as the Gazette calls him, Mr. Putnam. Now this said Hovey is the rival of Major G. Goodale who has been deprived of his Commission by the persecution of Hovey's friends & political party. Hovey was a Shoemaker from Boxford, then a petty merchant, a Coxcomb & of great conceit. He is now one of the party Representatives in the Gen. Court looking for a Commission as Major General.

Dress. Gloucester. Black, turned up with full red, white underclothes, spatterdashes all half leg, black.

Lynn. Black turned up with full red, black throughout, overhauls.

Danvers. Red turned up full with Buff, white underclothes, overhauls.

Salem. Black turned up full with red, colour buff underclothes, jackets & breeches & stockings white all with spatterdashes or half leggings, black, or half gaiters.

The Artillery were reviewed in the Morning & had their firings in the afternoon & evolutions. Nothing like a sham fight was attempted by them. At four they left the parade.

19. My friend John Carlton has engaged as Navigator & Pilot in the Constitution, a Ship of the U. S. Navy now lying in Boston harbour. He is an able navigator & of good habits. He is a son of Col. Carlton who was in the army of the revolution & known to me many years. Several prizes arrived at Marblehead & Lynn, taken by small privateers. J. C. has taken leave of me at Salem & gone on to the place where he enters upon his appointment.

20. The Herring are found upon our Shores & are employed as bait by Fishermen.

22. I was yesterday at New Mills, Endicott's farm, Cow House River, at Capt. B. Crowninshield's. Mr. Osgood at the mills told me he had taken great numbers of the Herrings called Bluebacks at the mills this season.

23. Arrived the John, a Privateer ship from this port, after a cruise of 45 days. She had taken 5 prizes & only one has yet arrived. She took 11 at her former cruise & secured 3 only. In the last cruise she recovered a Lynn Privateer, Sch Industry, Mudge. The privateer had so many prisoners on board, that the prisoners rose upon her & put the Capt. & Crew in irons. They are now convoying the prizes into their port. This day Smelts in the market caught at the upper wharves.

24. Our Ships at Sea & our prizes arrive. The prizes by name give above 200 in port.

25. Sunday. Notes. Jesse Richardson & children, Death of his wife, Eunice Dodge. Eunice Richardson, d. of her Daughter

in law. John Dodge & his wife, d. of his Sister Richardson. John D. & his Brother. James W. Stearns & wife, delivery, & Henry Allen & wife, delivery. Last week our Female Asylum had a meeting upon the Subject of baptising the children of their charge. For all the children, but one belonging to the Baptists, leave has been announced. It is a question shall B. be administered by Dr. B. or Dr. W., or not at all, at the present time. Opinions differ of the event. The Baptists hold out Bolles' words have been penned & read & explained & doubted. It is said the majority will not grieve at a separation & say, let them have a separate charity & more good may be done. The present state of passion threatens the Institution. One plea used was that by the Ab. Cov[enant] we have a right to bap[tise] what [is] bought by our money and hence the little Innocents have been called the little Slaves. The discipline too, which under the plea of bad parents prevents a free intercourse with them, it is said has not always been managed with real delicacy, & the public prejudices begin to take a new character in respect to this novel institution.

25. The last Newspapers announced the death of Revd. Thomas Thacher of Dedham died 19 Oct. 1812, æt. 56. Mr. T. was two years before me at college, but well known to me from his early life. At College he was excentric. His person & movement & attitudes all told us to expect a singular man. It would be happy if his levity when young had the recollection of mere thoughtlessness. After he left College he delivered passes in the Army at Cambridge, & was as noted for his extravagant language as in more early years. At length he began to preach. In the pulpit I heard him often at the New South, Boston. His attitudes were singular, his talents in the devout exercises not to be compared with those of his Brother Dr. Peter at Malden, but afterwards at the Brattle street, but his singular talents in his Sermons unquestionable. Not adapted to a polite audience or circle he was invited to Tyler's parish in Dedham & distinguished by the oddities of a former pastor Mr. Dwight. In this obscure parish Mr. Thacher settled, with many predictions that he could not long support himself in it. But the world was agreeably disappointed. His talents in the pulpit were preeminent, He assisted a poor living by instructing youth in the learned languages & by preparing them for the University. He was called for on all great occasions. He preached at the opening of an Academy at Milton his native town. He gave an excellent Sermon on the death of Gov. Adams. He preached the Dudleian Lecture & the Election Sermon, all these I have seen & he published many other discourses. In his ministerial character he did nothing which could not be forgiven for his fine talents, tho' his excentricities of speech & action continued, but with no loss of his great value to all who

knew the great worth of the man. I have no information of any circumstances of his death. He was in Salem about a month from the time of his death, but I did not see him. An anecdote will explain the reason. He told me that his visits to Salem were often directed to an Ep[iscop]al Cl[ergyman] who had his birth near his parish, & that the friends of this man were near his own home. Therefore if when I visit him I do not visit you it is because I would not give any occasion to his jealousies or his malignity. You understand me. Mr. Thacher told me he had purchased a little home he called his own. He was unmarried, but it was not altogether his own fault. He had applied & little men envied him & ignored him. I consider T. Thacher among the best men of my own times.

26. We now have two prizes from the John & two from the Alfred. We learn from Boston, Amos Hovey is app. Major General of Essex Division of Militia. He came to Salem about the time of the peace. He married a young orphan at John Collins from Liverpool, Nova Scotia. He was Lieutenant under Zadoc Buffington in the Artillery, & lately from Major became Col. of Artillery. He is now promoted over B[rig.] G[en.] Putnam whom last review he neglected. M[ajor] G[en.] Goodale has been displaced for him, not because his party admire him, they laugh at him as Court Franchise, but because he has just sensibility enough to be their servant on all occasions. Would a Modest man, refused by the votes of his peers, be fond of such violent promotion.

29. The Privateer of Lynn, Mudge Commander, has reached this port retaken by the John. She had cruised since she had been taken but had seen nothing. Our first settlers by putting the sills of their houses under ground, provided for the warmth of their cellars & their rooms, & no families or heads of families lodged on the second stories. Their framed houses were all filled with brick & clay, & such as could afford, boarded on the inside, & boarded & clapboarded on the outside. Their windows were small and rendered tight in winter by mortar or clay never to be opened throughout the cold season. Their doors double, pannelled on the outside, & lined with boards within. Such as could afford not only covered their rooms within but put a complete wainscot with large pannels over the whole sides of their rooms, & the floors were double & sometimes of the thickest plank, & such now remain. The second story was seldom upright, & in common houses the jet began below the heads of the beams of the second floor so as to cover down as far as the tops of the windows of the ground story. In Common houses the pitch of the roof began at these projections, the whole thickness of the beams below the second floor. The front of the house was never left in the form of pitched roof but with a pediment or peak over the door,

so that the gutters discharged on each side of the door, & the window over the door served, with one at each end, for the upper apartments, while the chimney filled the centre. The stairs ascended in front of the chimney landing opposite the door, ascending one third of the height toward the chimney on the right, then a third on the side & then turning from the chimney on the other third, landing above on the left hand side over the door. The floors of the passages or entries being usual above the floors of the rooms or apartments & not below them, so that the doors opening into the rooms could receive no air from the bottom as they shut against the beams of the passage floors or entries. The Closets were disposed opposite to the space of entrance at the side of the chimney, & if more room was required, presses were formed in the sides of the wainscot, bringing it further from the outer wall & being warmer.

30. This week an affray happened in the street between Capt. Jacob Endicott & a Scotch Captain brought in by him as an illicit trade under American colours. This Captain had been disposed to make some rude charges against Capt. Endicott, who is a descendant of the old Capt. & Governour, & has all his bluntness & muscular firmness. Endicott took the fellow & fisted him thoroughly. Some persons interfered & it ended. This bullying insolence is not to be attributed barely to national feelings, but to that attention which every foreigner has from a party if he vilify a N. E. man, or the Am. Government. The most violent enemy to the Glove & the Pugilist feels that some check is given to insolence.

November 1, 1812. Sunday. All Saints Day was a delightful day & an uncommon day.

2. Our election issued shamefully while the Opposition strained everything to carry their point, not a Republican even insinuated to his friends their duty tho' great deductions were made from their strength by the hundreds at sea & it was a County or District election, when every man counted at the poll. But this must be seen in the domestic history. Many are jealous of Mr. Crowninshield. The dissolution of the firm left some cool at home, his perseverance in ships of war in which he would not admit partners, offended the sharebuyers who buy a little everywhere. The rival families had their jealousies, & Party disputes from former candidates put the Rep. Candidate above 200 in the minority in Salem, & 500 upon the General Vote. Mr. Crowninshield however is the best Candidate & the opposition show their every prejudice.

5. I spent yesterday at Mr. Osgood's, Overseer of the Iron Factory at Water's Bridge. In crossing the fields I passed from Waters' house on the hill to Hilberts on the point below the Cow

House point & then up to Jacobs' on the hill south of it. In none of these stations could we see the House on horse pasture point, the hill westward of the house on the point intercepting. We see in the grounds, near the River on the south side, many excavations which determine the site of the first settlement on this point of Land, & prove them much more numerous than at present, tho' probably the houses were smaller than such as we build. Yesterday in firing a salute one of the Guns burst & several persons were wounded.

6. The Gun that burst on Wednesday was fired incautiously & not proved. It has been out of use & was found defective. Capt. J. Knapp lay senseless for some time. Capt. P. Townsend was wounded on the shoulder & arm. Three seamen had their legs broken & one boy remains yet in great danger from a contusion on the head. A Launch has been built in this town by Hawkes & Babbidge for the Chesapeake. She is 32 feet long & some strakes on each side go the whole length of her. She had 50 bolts & 70 lb. of nails, formed for 18 oars & could carry 80 men.

7. The President's address accompanying the declaration of war has had its share of applause even in England. They do not believe their party weak in the States. The war with Algiers appears to be serious. The French follow the Russians with glory. The English intend to enchant us with licenses. No prizes to be carried to Portugal. The Western islands to be neutral. Charming fact this for New England men. Mr. Babbidge gave me the description of the Launch this day sent to Boston & noticed yesterday. Her Frames are of oak & excellent. She is 32 feet long, greatest length, & 9 & $\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide within, & about $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep. Her stern is 8 feet wide. She has 8 strakes which go the whole length including bends & gunwale. All above her bends including them are of oak. The bottom is planked with spruce $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. She has 50 bolts besides 80 rivets & above 70 lb. of nails & spikes. Work shop Palfrey's, below Derby st., W. side of Daniels street.

Thursday I visited Rev. N. Fisher, at the request of his Son Theodore, to see a painting in Imitation of Claude Lorrain's Temple of Apollo, from an engraving by Wootton. Mr. Fisher has enlarged it to 6 feet square. The natural scenery is excellent. His animals well done. The temple & worshippers rather too strong colours. But the Grove below is pure nature & the execution compared with his former paintings discovers the rapid progress of his improvement. As my acknowledgement I presented to him the engraving from which he has executed this work & urged that it might be displayed in the Athenaeum or E. India Museum.* As my pupil H[annah] C[rowninshield] had

*Presented to the East India Marine Society in 1813 by Benjamin Merrill and now in the Essex Institute.

imitated the engraving from Salvator Rosa's Philosophers & also an Engraving from Michael Angelo Buonorato of the Holy Family, I gave these engravings to her as the testimony of my approbation of her genius & her progress.

A Contract has been made by Morgan, Fogerty & Co. with Barker & the McGoons for a Privateer about 200 tons, to be built at the entrance of the Neck, to be schooner rigged, for rapid movement & to carry four guns. Two 32 & two smaller guns. Morgan has talents & encouragement. The loss of the U. S. Vessel 18 guns is announced. She had taken in a fight of war the Frolic at least of equal metal & in taking this vessel been disabled, the Poictiers 74 guns came upon them & captured the Wasp & her prize. Wasp behaved well.

8. Sunday. Notes. W. Burrill, Wife & Children, sudden death of his eldest son, pr. for friends at Sea. The youth, æt. 17, was gunning in the afternoon, complained of his head, went to bed, roused the family at 11, died at midnight. It is to be feared too frequent visits at the rendezvous of the Privateers may have accelerated his death. Revd. N. Fisher informs me from his Brother at Dedham, that our friend Rev. T. Thacher did maintain his firmness to the last. His keenest shafts of satire were directed against itinerants of every sect & illiterate ministers. In his last conversation he pointed the force of his mind against this reproach of our Liberty, & informed his parishioners that he intended a legacy of a manse & Glebe, which he should bestow upon the sole condition that such persons should be excluded from the possession of it, explaining himself by saying, other wise I shall not be cold in my grave before "Morse & his Gang" will be in my pulpit & parish. The Fanatics had said that he would see differently before he died, it was therefore proper for him to speak his full convictions. His frank manners had brought many objections to him, but no question of his integrity. In doctrine he rather qualified then renounced the prevalent opinions. He was not a Trinitarian, but he did not fully declare his substitute. He agreed in a derived nature. I have heard him say he loved the atonement, but I never heard him preach or explain it. His practical discourses were excellent & these best when he consulted himself & did not conform to any expectations from other men. His sermon on Mr. Adams his best & he consulted himself on the occasion of it & the delivery of it. I hope to get more of him.

At the Court this sitting at Salem were two divorces obtained. One of Mechin an Irishman, whose wife has come to him, after having married a daughter of J. Franks, a Corsican. The power of this example will not be great. The other of a son of Gen. Foster, now in prison & who has been in the penitentiary, from his wife, daughter of Pierce of Salem. The very bad habits of



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SOUTHEASTERN VIEW OF BEVERLY AND THE ESSEX BRIDGE.

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this young man, & the good hopes of his wife justify this lenity of the law.

9. I had the pleasure of seeing many of the frames of the New Privateer to be built upon the neck. Her keel to be 80 feet & length 120 feet. The timber already provided is excellent. The Shoe of her keel is 6 inches. The success of the Coaxing plan has been so great that the War members of Massachusetts have been dismissed, & others in their place sent to Congress. Peace republicans or the tools of the opposition. We expect no increase of talents in such men.

10. I saw Skipper Green enter the harbour in his little boat from another cruise. He fired his great gun & told us as he came up to the wharf that he had taken five more prizes. We have five ships of our Navy at sea & two sloops of war. We have heard nothing from them but just after their first sailing excepting by the Wasp, whose hard fate, but sure reputation, has been long known. Capt. H. Elkins was with me to inform me of his appointment as Naval Officer of the Port. I had written letters to the President and S[ecretary] of T[reasury] in his behalf. Several other candidates appeared in Salem. The Inspectors R. Ward Esq., J. Harthorne Esq., [and] Mr. Ropes were known to me & the Collector had some schemes to execute as he conjectured the vacancy might remain. He has a Son, a deputy Inspector, lately from Marblehead. I was this day at Fort P[ickering] on Winter Island, at tea with Lt. Greenough & family.

11. Widow Mary Ashton, et. 97, was the oldest person in Salem & died this week. She lived near Town Bridge as you rise the hill on the left. It was from this house Mr. Spaulding had his baptisms. She was a devout woman, not of active powers, but of temperate & sober habits. Her Son is President of Salem Marine Insurance Company & is much in favour with the Opposition. He was educated at Cambridge, of unyielding habits, inoffensive deportment, & as popular as a man of his political associations could become. He is often Moderator in our Meetings of the Town, has been in the Legislature, & is valued for his probity. Was at Marblehead at Tea with Capt. Ranney in company with 3 Misses Crowninshield & Miss E. Carlton. The troops at Fort Sewall had just received their clothing & appeared in the parade of the town. I passed into Mr. Hooper's during the military exhibition. We saw the troops again at the Fort. Lieut. Conchlin was with us & a Miss Gerry. We passed the evening agreeably & were in Salem before nine.

12. Went to the fort early to invite Lt. Greenough to dine with the officers at my house as the troops were to parade in Salem. Lt. G. under orders of his physician. Capt. Ranney & Lt. Conchlin dined with me & the whole Company of 70 men were received into

a part of our house & supplied with wholesome food. Their military reputation is not lessened. They were received by Mr. Bott, a good citizen, Englishman born, & had refreshment from his door. It is confessed by us all that better behaved men never have been seen among us, not only in their military discipline, but in their complete subordination & peaceful deportment. This evening we had notice from Boston of a privateer off Cape Cod, plundering the flour vessels. A Merchant's Vessel was offered by Mr. Knapp & Townsend. The guns & ammunition by the Crowninshields. The crew was instantly made up of volunteers, & provisions sent on board, & in one hour from adopting the plan, she sailed & was at the Fort at seven o'clock. The extraordinary activity displayed is worthy of a better day. For the Madison votes were for Electors, only 300, & the Clinton 800. A most strange desertion of principles.

13. Saw the keel laid of the Privateer upon the neck just within the new Gate. We had the first appearance of Snow at the time. The contract is for a month only. The news from our Republican Elections is very unfavorable in this quarter. We seem approaching to a revolution in our National Character from foreign influence. We ask of politics as we do of the wind daily, which way does the wind blow? at what point? We may take ourselves in Salem a full concurrence in the business of privateering. Our men have been prisoners so often, when a good voyage has been before them that they are ready for resistance in whatever point it may be directed.

15. Sunday. Just at this time a strong propensity exists to obtain rare & curious copies of printed Books, & a Book like Dibden's will be read with that exploring eye to mark a rare book & to direct the search for it. It is an excess, but it is an innocent one at a time when Philology is making its deepest researches & best discoveries. A Copy of Boccace's Decameron obtained an immense price. And a Polygot in America doubled its value from the introduction address to Cromwell found in it, as these prefaces had been suppressed.

17. Our privateer in pursuit of the N. S. privateer off Cape Cod returned & has not discovered the object of pursuit. We have news of Comm. Rogers rich prize. It does not add much to the hopes of peace when we recollect the English have turned the Algerians as well as Indians upon us. Their Indians are not persuaded fully that they have made a wise choice, because if they cannot drive the whites out of the country, it is best to be friends to those who promise for the longest time to be their neighbours.

19. An unhappy & intemperate man lately come to Salem, named White, a Carpenter, set. 32, having a Wife & Children, living in the Western part of the town, went to an Apothecary &

enquired for Laudanum, & by some address got the phial into his power & drank a large draught before he was suspected. He died in a few hours. He declared before he expired his purpose to destroy life, & he succeeded in his attempt.

20. We had another notice from Boston that the N[ova] S[cotia] Privateer had returned to her station off Cape Cod & had taken many prizes. An attempt was made to get the Crew of the Privateer John ready, but under pretence that the Marblehead men came only for a short run & unprovided for their cruise, after much preparation, the adventure was abandoned. Probably from a jealousy that Boston ought not to rest the preservation of its commerce upon Salem, & carry on the Coasting trade without the least expence in defending or protecting it. One Vessel passed with Corn to Newbury Port, not improbably with an English Licence, which may be easily obtained says opinion.

22. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Mary Mason & children, d. of her Sister Norris, suddenly, æt. 35. Wife of Capt. Edw. Norris. His amiable mother died after a supposed cramp in the stomach being apparently at ease in the evening & expired just before night. Her h. son of E. N[orris] former Schoolmaster in Salem. Bethiah Shehane & children, d. of her Husband Daniel, æt. 44. Died of his wounds from the bursting of a cannon on board the privateer Growler. Mr. Bowers to leave Marblehead this week & tarry awhile at Dedham where Mr. Montague officiates. Mr. Montague is gone on one of his excursions through the Country.

23. We find 12 Privateers fitted & navigated from this Port now in actual service. The number is still greater if we reckon such as are partly belonging to Inhabitants of Salem or which beat for volunteers here. We have now two privateers waiting for Crews, belonging to other ports & two privateers on the stocks, besides two new modelled Privateers at the wharves which have not yet been at Sea. All the U. States Frigates when at Boston had Rendezvous near the head of the Crowninshield wharf in Salem.

24. Hints that an English Privateer had been seen from Marblehead fort. Plea of our Privateers for being snug, not manned. A Bahama paper tells us that the plan of the English will be to form a neutrality of the Northern States, a measure preparatory to a dismemberment. That a blockade will be adopted by the English to assist the plan of dismemberment. This looks so indeed.

26. The Annual Thanksgiving. Not a pleasant day but the audience unusually full, considering the day is not usually noticed for full assemblies, on account of the domestic cares. Nor do I suppose curiosity drew the many out. The Gov.'s party say everything in favour of their own days & the multitude take it for devotion. Our contribution was made up to nearly one hundred dollars.

27. We have news of the capture of the Thorn, privateer from Marblehead, by a British frigate. She carried 16 guns, & 140 men, & was pronounced an excellent Brig. The prevailing westerly winds prevent many arrivals. The building of the Privateer on the neck proceeds rapidly. Capt. Morgan fears that he shall find it difficult to prevent her being by the head as her stern is very narrow. It is a bold experiment. Iron to Granite as 7 to 2.

28. The Printer upset his types so that those of Wednesday will come to-day & prevent the minutes of Saturday's news. Congress is preparing the most important business of the session & the election campaign is not yet out, so that large bets are named on the occasion. Mr. W. Gray being challenged upon a bill replied, a wise man may lay them but a fool only would pay them.

29. Sunday. Note. Robert Hill & Wife, d. of his Brother in Law, Wm. Camb of Newbury Port, Shipwright, about 30 y. of age, of a fever, pr. for a friend at sea. The refusal of [Rev. Samuel] Worcester to pray with a family, whose father had committed suicide is a speculation which developes public opinion. This bitter partisan in Church & State drove furiously at Fitchburg. From his ill success, he was obliged to be more cautious at the commencement of a new career. Not mortified with his ill fate, but rather irritated as a tyger with his wounds, he accepted a Church without government, when he had contended furiously for supreme power, because the power was given in deed & denied in name. He pretended conciliatory measures. Joined the Association, but soon discovered that terms of communion were impossible unless he dictated them. He has been rising in his stretch of prerogative, till at last several insolent political sermons have given him the sway of a dominant party. He has been speculating upon his new friends & despising his old ones. His new ones venture not too far. They commend the tool & dispise the man with his own temper & the views of party. He is always doing things for animadversion. Some say the late Refusal of Prayer is right because suicide is contrary to law & the law knew no honourable burial of such an offender & the sense of society should be urged against the crime. Others who really dispise the refusal, with those who wish to expose & degrade the offender, say that the friends suffer much involuntarily & want every consolation. That we have no prayers for the dead, which occasion the protestant remonstrance against prayers for suicide, that consolation should take the time best adapted to administer it, & to refuse the form & give the thing is so far to deny consolation. That as to the public effect the law allows & provides for prayers with all criminals, even murderers, for their own sake, & surely for those whose sympathy is injured on the occasion. The foolhardy wretch has his Dr. Mussey & his Agents to justify him in wounding the feelings of a

distressed, oppressed & agonising family. Is this Christianity? Is it Orthodoxy? How debased must the character of religious Society be which admits a serious division & an odious controversy upon such a point as this? Are we behind our neighbours?

30. The Supreme Court in Salem have before them the Case of the pretended Riot at a late Town Meeting. The Case had been heard in Ipswich but the Jury did not agree. It is now a subject to excite & arm the prejudices of the Citizens. We have three Privateers lying in the Harbour. The plea of detention is the want of men. They who would discourage the Armed Vessels of the United States in the service against Great Britain pretend great friendship for the Seamen & tell them to demand a bounty. This began in Boston & has extended itself with the influence of the party prevailing in Boston.

December 1, 1812. This evening we had, as it was called, an Oratorio of Sacred Music. The Organ of the First Church was preferred to that of the North Church because of its tones. The celebrated Dr. Jackson, an Englishman, performed on the organ with great power & pure touch. Mr. Graupner led the Violins, & Mr. Grainger the Clarinet. Mr. Mallet had the tenor viol & good Father Shaffer assisted at the drum. Mrs. Graupner was at the head of the female Singers which were seven in number & the whole company exceeded twenty in all parts. The Instrumental Music transcended the vocal, which had nothing extraordinary about it but our expectations. Mr. Jackson's voluntaries were beyond anything I had heard, and the best music was before the second Chorus, when the Organ was accompanied only with the Violins. However, upon the whole, it was a rich entertainment & if not all we wished, more than we ever before enjoyed. Mallet sings harsh. Mrs. Graupner had one pathetic strain with her natural voice, at all other times she strained.

4. We have been engaged this week by the trial of the rioters in Salem & Judge Sewall did everything in his power to bring them to Conviction. Dr. Stearns, one of the most timid of men, was convicted, but Capt. James Fairfield testified that Col. S. Derby, son of Richard & Master of the Marine E. India Society, cried out, Squeeze the Doctor, & that he replied to him, Squeeze me if you please, &c. I saw said S. Derby at the poll when I was at it after dinner & he was in the croud evidently with no design to vote. I was one hour in moving half the length of the Court House & could plainly conceive that everything was done to embarrass the men who came to the poll. Judge Sewall said If a person were not at the poll, if he said any thing to excite, he was an Accessory. Mr. Dexter in a former trial said Did ever in England a man suffer for what he said at the polls at Election. The principal evidence was a poor wretch who has uniformly been employed on such occasions, as in the suit of Crowninshield, &c.

6. Sunday. John Derby, Esq., who died at Boston yesterday in an Apoplexy, being found dead at his bedside when dressing himself to rise, was born in Salem & baptised in Our Church 14 June 1741. His mother a Hodges. His Father the Celebrated Richard Derby Esqr. the famous Merchant of Salem, & John was Brother of Hon. Richard Derby of the Council & of E. H. Derby the late Wealthy Merchant of Salem. Only one of the family survives, Mary, the wife of G. Crowninshield Esqr. now living in the house formerly occupied by John Derby deceased. John Derby Esqr. married a Clarke of Salem by whom he had children but all of them died young. He married a wife from Boston as his second wife & removed having quitted Mercantile business & depending on the use of his money for his support. He had not the powers of Richard or the mercantile enterprise of E. Hasket, but his manners were agreeable, & he was respected tho' not calculated for any public offices, or employed in any important trusts. In younger life he was called Captain from having had the command of merchant voyages. Died æt. 72. When he removed from Derby street in eastern part of Salem he built a house in Summer Street on the east side, with a stone walk in front, which he sold upon leaving the town. He has left no children & it is believed a handsome fortune. Left Salem 15 years ago.

Mr. Spaulding who has been on his peregrinations & probably to obtain a settlement in the ministry, has returned to such of his flock as he had not scattered, by telling them how much better they could do better than in their present situation. He has very much injured his own hopes of transplanting himself successfully, by publishing or rather inducing his friends abroad to be subscribers to his Divine Theory. He tells me wherever he finds the Minister friendly to the Republic, he finds the people so & the contrary. The Aurora of Ph[iladelphia] lately in branding N. England policy tells us we are a Century behind our neighbours, & he attributes it to the absurd theological prejudices which obtain in our portion of the State. It is true the manners of the Southern Clergy are more those of the world, but their Theology is greatly inferior to the Theology of Boston, whether in regard to its character, or its eloquence. It must be confessed that the general reputation of the Ministers is humble enough. Mr. Bowers lately at Marblehead has removed to Dedham. Mr. Montague the Incumbent is upon his travels in the southern states. I have not the conditions.

7. We were regaled with the news of the capture of the Frigate Macedonian of 49 guns & 300 men, 20 Oct. In 17 minutes she struck to the United States Frigate, Capt. Decatur. He had 35 killed & 70 wounded, 12 dangerously. She was built in 1810.

United States, 12 killed & wounded. Among the dead Lieut. Jenks, esteemed. Capt. Jones in the Wasp will not be forgotten. He had an action with the Frolic of 22 guns, superior by 4, 12 pounders, on 18 Nov. Boarded after 18 minutes from first fire. After the action both the Masts of the Frolic fell. Wasp captured, when disabled.

8. The trials of our Citizens for the disturbances at a late Election have uniformly ended in the conviction of the accused, as in the Witchcraft. No sooner a man has been cried out upon, but his accusers have been ready. One honest Skipper had an action for the refusal to let him put in his vote. It was instantly proved that the boards were incorrect, that the man did not regularly apply, but when all these did not answer, his qualifications were doubted & were found sufficiently equivocal to satisfy the Court he received no injury.

10. I was with Mr. Nathaniel Weston formerly of Reading, æt. 53. A Shoemaker but a speculator in old houses, two of which of three stories, he has removed into the eastern part of Salem, one in Turner street & the other in Derby street, below Webb's street at the Water side. He has in this way left himself with a large family & without property. But his inoffensive manners have always gotten him credit so that he has never lived in extreme poverty. He was by no means inferior in his person, natural abilities, or address.

11. This morning died Samuel Swasey, æt. 82, only Son of the late Margaret Swasey who died at a Century of years. He was also a Shoemaker & a man of sober habits, but not active. I saw him yesterday. I told my name, but he sunk gradually till life was extinguished. His powers were much more wasted than his Mother's at a century of years. He lives with his only Son & has not experienced the want of any care to render him happy.

13. Sunday. Note. Nathaniel Foster & wife & family, d. of his Sister Kezia Caley, æt. 31, at Reading Wood end, left 3 children, & pr. for his Brother at Sea. Capt. Samuel Swasey buried this evening æt. 82, left 6 children all by his last wife. He married Elizabeth Skinner, May 17, 1756, at 26 y. of age, wid. of Salem. She left no children. He married May Groves, July 6, 1762, at 32 y. of age. John his son has rebuilt upon the old Mansion house in Daniel Street. His daughters have married, Rebecca, R. Becket, born 1763; Abigail, Aug. 26, 1770, a Black; Hanna, br. Sept. 1772, a Brown; Margaret, July 1777, a Millet; Mary married a Moore. His Mother aged 100 died 22 July 1807. She left no other child & had had only one d., who died above 74 years of age, Margaret Lazell, who died in the year preceeding the mother in October. John Derby who died

last week, left half his estate to his wife & the rest to Richard & Samuel, two sons of his Brother Richard, whom he made Executors. His wife has property of a certain name about half & the rest due to the two Brothers they paying a few small legacies.

By the news we have from India we learn that the Missionaries which went in a Salem Vessel had not had a kind reception & had been forbidden a landing, & even bonds had been required that all persons associated with such a Mission should not be landed. The late account of the burning stock & block at Serampore, with all the wonderful labours of these self inspired Genius has too much the air of Evil to be overlooked while the great name of the Bulwark of Religion applied to the English came oddly in to suit this Catastrophe. In our part of the Country the Religious Imposture is too near detection not to create alarm. Of the Money 40,000 Dollars were raised by the will of a poor infatuated Woman of Salem, who could not possibly comprehend the design & with whom the worst frauds were suspected. The Contributions were from the most illiterate fanatics. The Institution of Andover had connected its views with this fanatical design & prayer meetings have been constantly held for the success of this enterprise. They who questioned the religious obligation of the plan were reprobated. They who questioned the political prudence of propagating religion in a foreign country against the obligations of treaties & without asking the consent of the dominant power, were thought to be Deists, & represented enemies of Britain. No art has been too small to aid the cause & to render odious its adversaries. It is now in a state of suspicion, not to say in danger of a total defeat. The matter of the Salem legacy is yet depending in a Court of Justice, & that loss would be the greatest to the miscreants at the bottom of this Money plot of Hypocrisy.

14. The late execution* in Boston has made our Citizens attend particularly to the spirit of the law which admits capital Punishment. In England these punishments are more common in the forms of Law than in any country & the examples multiply. A late report was very unfavourable. A circumstance was added to the solemnity of an execution never heard of before, which was the tolling of a bell in Boston at the time of execution.

15. The privateers which have been in our harbour are now all out. Some delays were occasioned by the claims of a bounty by some of the men. It is yet in the power while party views lay concealed, for party men to inflame the weak friends of the Government & make these weak men the instruments of discontent. These are evils of the neutralised state into which we have settled.

17. Dined at Joshua Ward's Esq. with U. S. Military officers

*Samuel Tully, hanged for piracy.

of this station. A Subscription has been opened to pay for the provisions of the late expedition into the Bay to find the Liverpool packet. The Vessel was provided by Knap & Co. & the guns & mil[itary] stores by the Crowninshields, the services were by volunteers, & the provisions are to be paid for. The English party discourage even this defence & tho' the sum to be raised is but 150 dollars & the bills are appended, so that every man may see the charges, yet after exposing the subscription several days, only 50 dollars are yet subscribed. Capt. Jo. White subscribed 10 to begin it. At this moment the same Privateer, Liverpool Packet, is capturing our Vessels off Cape Cod, & we know the vessels of this port which have been taken.

18. This day making ready to launch on the morrow the fast sailing Vessel of 200 tons built at the entrance of the neck. The Ship builders are the two Magouns from Pembroke, living in Salem, & the model is from the ingenious Capt. Morgan. Her timbers were getting ready Nov. 9, & her Keel was laid Nov. 13. She is coppered & finished for rigging completely. Her masts are to [be] 80 feet.

19. We are full of congratulations upon the Capture of the Guerriere, Alert, Frolic, & Macedonian. The last is a real prize, & is in safe keeping in our own waters. In the North, such is the influence of Boston, that all New England is paralysed. Great efforts are made to bring Vermont into the vortex of our New England prejudices. New Hampshire has been left in the elections & the zealots for a war with France are now triumphing as the friends of our peace, & what is more insolent, of Commerce, when Commerce is the only ground of the war with Britain. Sch. Enterprise launched this day.

20. Sunday. Notes. Retire Becket & wife, d. of her Father Swasey, pr. Son at Sea. Abigail Black, d. of her father Swasey, Husband at sea. Hanna Weston & children, d. of her Husband N. Weston, Son in Law at sea. Wid. Hanna Richardson, d. of her son in Law Weston. She from Reading. This day at noon died Revd. Nath. Fisher of St. Peter's Church. He had no unusual complaints, attended Church in the morning & performed the whole service & preached. Upon his return with Master Parker, his Clerk, he complained his hands felt cold, but entered his house & parted with his friend as usual. As soon as he had seated himself he asked for his dinner, but no unusual manner, & while his wife was out to give orders, he fell from his chair & was found near the fire on the floor gone from life. I have not visited this man for many years till lately upon account of his son who wanted me to see some painting in imitation of Claude, one of whose plates I had lent him. We were civil. Many anecdotes are in my Journal, but the aged priest is no more, æt. 70.

We learn my namesake W. B. of Boston, a late Baker there in Sun street, has been instaled at Worcester. The Assessors of the Old Meeting House granted leave for the services of Installation in that house, but Mr. Austin, the Incumbent, declined the jury his consent from all the pleas of conscience. In consequence Mr. Bancroft received an application & gave up his house for the ceremonies, & dined with them, Mr. Gan of Providence preaching in the afternoon. This gave a triumph to the Arminians & to the political enemies of Dr. Austin. We learn that Justin Edwards was ordained in the South Parish in Andover. The neighbouring ministers of the Old Association performed at the ordination without any aid from the Theological Institute, so that the presumption is that this late success is in favour of the old system of Andover & not altogether in the spirit of the inovation attempted in that place.

Poor Codman at Dorchester is hard pressed. All his Councils have had no blessing for him. His Congregation hired another preacher. He attended & after the usual services, attempted to preach in his pew being prohibited the pulpit. We are told that he has proposed another expedient to quiet the contention, to buy out all proprietors of the house dissatisfied with him. Never has a controversy been managed with less discretion on all sides. His great wealth will enable him to finish this project but it promises no tranquility to his situation, should it be accomplished.

21. The Grand Turk & Enterprise are recruiting in town & the Lieut. of the Fort has also his notice for enlisting Soldiers. Comm. Rogers has sent in a rich whaleman. In the treatment of prisoners the balance of mercy & kindness is shown by the United States. Our seamen speak much of retaliation. May not the cause be our prisoners discover too much submission & the British have an insolence to profit from it. When our men speak up firmly they fare better.

22. A Young Shillaber, æt. 14, drowned at Wenham Pond, skating Saturday. Many of the Privateers long out & we are not without apprehensions for their fate. Our Privateers vex the Coasters of Nova Scotia & N[ew] B[runswick] & they vex our own in turn. The Brig Plumper went ashore 5 Dec. near Dipper Harbour & 42 perished. All the passengers & officers excepting one. Several respected persons on board. Vessels sailing for Lisbon are often found with licenses for British ports. A little art has been employed to make licences no ground of capture, by proving they have been seized & sold in America. Never have Mercantile frauds been more subtle & various in any country.

24. Mr. Fisher was buried. The elder ministers of the town supported the pall. Mr. Eaton of Boston preached & Mr. Morse of Newbury Port read prayers. The Corpee was lodged in the Barr

Tomb where Mr. McGilchrist his predecessor lays. Mr. Eaton told us he had no acquaintance with the deceased & he ought to have told why as the number in that Communion is small. He informed upon information that he was born in Dedham in 1742, grad. at Cambridge 1763, came to Salem in 1781. He said nothing of his life in Nova Scotia, but that he was ord. by Bp. Lowth in London. In his literary character he mentioned his knowledge of Greek to which he was a stranger, as he told me. Thucydides was the tales of the Giants & he had read them & sold the book to me. He often talked of reading Virgil. He was not a Theologian. His discourses were moral, if his Life was not so, is affirmed, but no man was vexed more by angry & malignant passions. Witness his conduct in encouraging Dr. Freeman in reforming the Liturgy & then proposing a Protest which Bp. Parker told me no Minister would sign. And my friend Thacher of Dedham told me "my motives of my visits to Salem prevent my visits to all my friends at the same time." Upon the whole F[isher] may be valued as he prevented fanatics from getting into his Church & for his uniform opposition to them, & he may be missed upon that account. But he was repeatedly passed by in the election of a Bishop & younger men chosen. He had not a good correspondence with one Clergyman of his Church & had reduced his own Society so that his continuance must have been its annihilation. Many anecdotes of this man may be found in the notes of this Journal.

25 being Christmas Day Dr. Bernard preached in St. Peter's Church. The Universalists held also a meeting on that day, which is somewhat extraordinary, as they profess to be no observers of times & seasons which bequile men. Ez. Savage Esqr. now an acting Justice in Salem, formerly a Candidate in the Cong. Churches, then a Bankrupt, merchant in Boston, & since a pilgrim, & now a magistrate, read the Morning Service at Church. Brother Turner had good music to draw his friends. The Gazette took part in the recommendation of Christmas, perhaps with an illusion to Joseph Scheshiath, an old dispute, tho' not directly. The event of this week prevented for the first time the display of pine boughs & the ready sale of them in the Streets, one of the relics of European superstition. This incident may weaken the regard paid to this extraordinary ceremony among Christians.

27. Sunday. Note. Hanna Hodges & children, death of her youngest daughter. The exercises of the day were accommodated to this afflicted family. The death of Mr. Fisher recalls several interesting facts respecting the English Church in New England & if he were not an extraordinary, he certainly was a singular man. The first knowledge I had of him was when a prisoner at Noddle island. Dr. Cooper then proposed to me, in a conference with the Wardens

of the Chapel in Boston, to accept the incumbency of that Church. He had often pressed it, but he was more urgent at this moment, even for a temporary supply to prevent Mr. Fisher from an invitation, against whom he had received great prejudices both as to his manners, & his professional talents. At this time the hint was given to Salem, also destitute upon the late death of Mr. McGilchrist, who died in 1780 & this was in 1781. The circumstances may be found elsewhere. Mr. Fisher went to Salem & was received with high expectations. When Mr. Freeman was introduced into the Chapel, but with assurances that he might reform the Liturgy, Mr. Freeman told me he consulted Mr. Fisher who approved of his purpose which was explained to him. In consequence a Copy in handsome order was sent to him, which he returned in a very rude manner, as elsewhere is recorded. When the Convention at Boston met upon the subject of the Chapel Church, Dr. Parker, afterwards Bishop, told me that Fisher proposed a Remonstrance so violent, that no high Churchman could sign it, & in consequence that was adopted, which Mr. Fisher signed, which seems to be as far from the moderation expected in a free country as could be well imagined. The Reformed Liturgy was first read in Boston, 23 Sept. 1786, & in Oct. 18, in Salem, the review was held of the changes proposed by the Episcopal Church & for the United States, & accepted in it, & these were rejected by Mr. Fisher & [of] all his friends only one accepted. On 18 Nov. 1787, Mr. Freeman received his ordination from the Delegates of the Chapel Church. The protest signed only by two of the Proprietors of the Church was published Nov. 16. The violent protest of the Episcopal Ministers of Mass. appeared against Mr. Freeman, Jan. 1788. This Mr. Fisher signed declaring that the act was subversive of all order & pregnant with consequences fatal to the interest of religion. But the Chapel is now flourishing with two ministers & only one Episcopal Church can decently maintain its Incumbent, & Fisher's own congregation was the smallest in Essex, often not amounting to twenty persons. The Character of this man must be evident from these facts as they regard Communion. He granted me Headley's Occasional Communion, but his intimate friend advised me to withdraw, as he had to him expressly disapproved of my presence at the Communion in his Church. As to Doctrine, he recommended to me Taylor's Arian Scheme but I never obtained any information what his own opinions were. Of his Moral life many excentricities left serious doubt, & his jealousies & intemperate passions left him little valuable. Of Greek he knew nothing. To Latin he made pretensions. To Science a stranger.

28. Several valuable Privateers are still from this port & we have no news of them. A late report that one was seen in the

British channel, which the English say probably came from France, is conjectured to be the America of this port. Among the privateers now out are the America, the John, the Montgomery, Alexander & Alfred beside a great number of small fry partly owned in Salem. The Rendezvous of the Enterprise & Grand Turk are open at the eastern part of the Town still.

29. The season still open, the walks dusty, & no snow on the ground. The small flights have never covered the ground & we are now as free as in summer.

30. This day dined with Capt. Ranney at Marblehead. Mr. Joshua Ward & wife & Miss Price of the party from Salem. I took my pupil with me. Capt. Gerry, Capt. Wilson & daughter & Officers of the Company.

31. E. Savage, Esqr, with me to preach at St. Peter's. It is not my turn. It is my Communion. I have given notice & have not prepared for my own pulpit. Dr. B[arnard] think Christmas his turn, Dr. P[rince] has an excuse, Dr. W[orcester] indispensably engaged, and Mr. M[oores] of Newbury Port is going to Portsmouth, so the service belongs to me. The greatest difficulty is in selecting the virtues of Character in a man with whom I did not live in the habits of intimacy, & who had been proved in the wrong points, before the world. But duty is to be done, as we are able.

January 1, 1813. The Missionary Men have their Schemes again. This day is put into my hands the notification of a Sermon at the Tabernacle next Wednesday before the Foreign Missionary Society of Salem & its vicinity at 2 P. M. The Collection, "especially Appropriated," to repair the "loss by fire at Serampore." The letter signed Samuel Walker, Sec. of the F. M. S. Salem & Vicinity. The service asked I cannot perform.

2. The activity of our Privateers is noticed in the West Indies, in every point of the Atlantic, & even in the British Channel. The construction of the vessels for sailing has encouraged them to sail within sight of the largest Ships. The Spanish & Portuguese Colonies determine to avail themselves of the neutrality & our Merchants with their usual address have lodged Cargoes in S[outh] A[merica] & then conveyed them to our ports in Am. bottoms.

3. Sunday. Agreeably to the agreement of Thursday last I went to preach at St. Peter's Church, the first time I had ever spoken in that house, tho in my own Parish I was obliged to shut my own house & remove my Communion to the second Sunday. From the circumstance of shutting several houses that day the House was filled. In the morning I united the history of this Church with the history of the Pastor & in the evening I united his isolated Character with the partiality of our affections, from the education, habits, & necessary manners of life. Justice Savage

read the prayers of the day, & nothing memorable occurred. The notice of the Missionary & Bible Society was sent to this Church & delivered to me to read. I returned it to the Reader to be delivered to the Clerk, but in the evening it was fastened to the Cushion of the pulpit & to avoid all Contention I read it. This day will be memorable for the first use of Spectacles in reading my notes. As I had long accustomed myself to deliver my sermons from minutes, with scored words I had not occasion for spectacles, but finding myself on a dark day in a darker church that I usually am called to preach in, I found some embarrassment in the morning & borrowed spectacles & had to adjust them in the Church.

4. John R. Morgan, an enterprising Navigator, applied to me on the subject of a Naval appointment. This Man of very small person & yet of great enterprise & merit was born in Philadelphia & is now 30 years of age. He married in Salem, Mass., & had been in the Merchant service from this port 9 years. Since the War he adventured in a small Vessel, of which he was owner, called the Fair Trader & obtained several prizes, but was afterwards taken by the British & sent into Halifax where he was a prisoner nearly three months. Upon his return he engaged some friends with him & built the schooner Enterprise on the Neck, 225 tons, which was launched last month & is now fit & ready for Sea. I think him a man worthy of high recommendation. He is well acquainted with naval architecture & navigation & he wished to enter the Navy.

5. This day arrived a Brig, the second prize which has entered this port from the America, Ropes, Commander, laden with Rum, Cotton & Sugar. She is coppered & a good Sailor. The America has been in the British Channel & was left 40 days ago. Some dispute had been on board the America about taking licensed Vessels. Only one Englishman continued resistance & he is in irons. The America had taken five prizes. Of the three not arrived, one from Newfoundland with fish and oil, one from West Indies with Sugar & Rum, & one from Quebec with Timber. She was in chase of a fleet under an armed Brig to which the Vessel which has arrived did belong & the fleet was suffered not to be at a great distance. America proves to sail well.

6. This day with Capt. Wilson at Marblehead. Company Capt. Trevett just from Sweden. Capt. Ranney, Lt. Conchlin, Capt. Gerry & Sister, Miss H. C. with me, Capt. W., wife, d. L. & Son 2d.

7. The America ship, Ropes, arrived this evening from a Cruise of 4 months. The Alfred has reached Portsmouth, the Alexander is at Newport.

8. We learn that the Meeting of the Bible S. of Salem & its vicinity was held at the Tabernacle last Wednesday & the Gazette tells us collected 180 D. Mr. Ebenezer Beckford of this town is

chosen President. The public favour does not implore the purposes of this contribution for Serampore. We observe that the Salem Officers & high political men have not reserved to themselves the Officers of the present Year. Revd. Walker of Danvers, secretary.

9. This day I saw for the first time the persecuted Commodore Rogers. He was invited into Salem to sup with a Republican Club last night & this day I joined his friends who introduced him to the public rooms. Capt. Crane of the Nautilus accompanied him. He left town at noon, apparently pleased with the attention, which was entirely confined to the avowed friends of the Administration of Madison. He left a favourable opinion in Salem.

10. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Webb & children, d. of his Wife & pr. for Brother at sea. Mrs. Webb was a Devereux of Marblehead & a most worthy mother. Anna Kenney, widow, Sister of Mrs. Webb, now in the family of Capt. Joseph Webb. Sara Beckford, Daughter & Parents S. Chever & wife, d. of her Father in Law, Mr. Jonathan Beckford, æt. 70. Son of the late Deacon Beckford of the Old Church & Brother to E. B. named on Friday last as P. of the Bible Society in Salem & its vicinity. Mr. J. B. was at first a Trader & then went into the Country, living in Chelmsford, &c. but for 10 years in the Northern parts of S. Andover, towards M[errimac] River. He has been several years in Salem & a Constable, & a Deacon to the New Universal Meeting of which he was a zealous friend. A man of many words & of a good disposition. His many removes have impoverished him. His only son was an industrious man & died at sea several years ago. Mr. B. died calmly & peacefully.

11. State of Privateering. The America has as yet only 2 out of 6 prizes in port. The Alfred made a port in Portsmouth, & coming out was aground, but has gotten off. The Alexander, Welman, has reached Newport without a prize, having suffered a rich prize to escape in the night. The Enterprise, Morgan, has sailed. We have several valuable ships out.

12. My friend H. J. Knox much harassed by his Creditors. Mr. Adams' letter has engaged me to many services I might have escaped in any other circumstances. First all his shares in the prize money of the A[merica] attached, & then taken by a single writ, for debts in Maine. Gen. Knox left his affairs in a strange situation & the son did not assist to relieve them.

13. This day for the first time the passing bell instead of the continual toll was used with the interval strokes. The East Bell having hitherto retained the old method of striking with the ringing rope incessantly & not with the chiming rope at intervals.

15. The Montgomery of 190 tons, an armed Vessel of this Port returned, having had an action with a British Armed Vessel,

Dec. 6, in which the Capt., Upton was badly wounded, four were killed, & one since died of his wounds, besides 2 others wounded. The Am. Privateer disengaged herself, & what injury the enemy received uncertain. The Alfred, Williams, also arrived on Wednesday. She has been said to have struck to the America ship of this port, but the report has been greatly resented. She went into Portsmouth, was aground, but got off, & is now in this port. None of the prizes of the Montgomery have arrived. Took one prize & has some effects, retook several which have not arrived. The superiour reputation of Capt. Joseph Ropes of the America & the better condition of his ship have taken from our other navigators, that praise, which in any other comparison they might have shared. We have great expectation from Morgan in the Enterprise.

17. Sunday. Noticed the Epiphany & the Bible Society & shewed the distinction I imagined between the true & false use of the Heb. Scriptures. I noticed also the birthday of Dr. Franklin to give me an opportunity to encourage firm character.

19. We had an arrival from France. The Vessel had made a voyage directly. Brig Mary & Eliza, 16 guns, 35 men, to & from Cherburg. Repeatedly chased, saved men from a wreck. She was 61 days on her passage, the sight then & not the news, made her welcome. The crew she took from a wreck was from Conn. The Vessel from France, Capt. John White, brings William, son of Wid. Abigail Rogers.

22. Young Capt. H. Prince is appointed to command the Montgomery, armed Brig, Capt. Upton being wounded, & the young man having behaved well. The orders respecting the Alexander not yet given. Capt. W. Webb behaved very well. I saw this day a likeness of Bonaparte. It is said his head & frame have become larger since his elevation. His muscular system is larger than before represented. A three q[uarter] face painting of W. Rogers is faithful & said to be done by the friend of A. Barr. The great advantages proposed in the American Navy, attract many seamen to prefer the giving up their liberty with a stipulated pay, to the freedom of privateers with their risk & hopes. Small vessels are now more dangerous.

24. Sunday. Our Missionary Society has been much disappointed. Such men cannot be humbled or mortified. Not only have their Missionaries been refused a landing in British India, but one of them to put himself under the Baptist protection, deserting his Colours. The Missionaries mere fanatics without common talents. The Bible Societies are now all the political ton. The Merrimac Bible S. has lately published with a new artifice to raise money. They say double the sum would give great advantage in their purchases, & they exhibit their calculations. They are ashamed of nothing. The N[ewbury] P[ort] Herald has a

bitter invective against privateering because a Portland Privateer took a Vessel having Bibles belonging to the British & Foreign Bible Society & sold them for the benefit of the Privateer. These 500 Bibles & Testaments, it says were sold at Auction as prize goods. It is pronounced sacriligious & barbarian. The English have distributed thousands of Bibles among us. This is declared War against God & Religion an outrage upon everything good. This is quoted from the Weekly Messenger & is *politico theologico* denunciation. These fanatics forget that the government of the Bible senders has made their own fanaticism contrary to Law & have prohibited their missionaries from their shores. The present situation of New York has shut the Theater. The plea is Commercial embarrassment but Dr. Mason is determined to make N. York another Newbury Port.

25. A prize of the America, Ropes, has reached Marblehead & another Maine. This has been the most successful Ship in our Port & will divide the largest sums. We have now intelligence of the blockading English Fleet off New York but it has a very uncomfortable winter station. We have been told of a French Fleet at sea & that it was to be on our coast. Many wish it who do not say it. Interest asks it. The variety of character which has been seen in the moment of danger has made the owners of armed ships more careful in their appointments to offices of trust, than they were in their first adventures. It is something to be an approved man.

26. Mr. Robinson of Tennessee, a student at Camb., A. Dunlop, & C. Forbes dined with me. In the evening we had the Alarm of fire. It caught in Mr. Tilden's tobacconist's Shop & destroyed several other small shops contiguous. They were on the Corner of Union Street westward & near the head of Union Wharf. Many wooden buildings were in great danger. The Brick Building on the Corner of the Street prevented the ravages eastward.

27. Our females assist the recruits, & their manufacturers at home are an honor to us. Judge Sedgwick has died lately at Boston. He is the man before whom I was arraigned & ill treated, & who had not the honour to acquit or condemn me. Little Great.

28. A fair & full report is made of the Privateering from the Port of Salem & it will be published in the Register of next Saturday. From this list giving the Name of each Vessel, the Prize Master, Privateer, Cargo, history of trial, condemnation or compromise, with the Gross amount of Vessels & Actual sales of Cargoes. From this accurate document it appears that "Eighteen privateers belonging to Salem have sailed during the War, carrying 115 guns. They have captured eighty seven prizes, fifty eight of which have arrived, carrying 127 guns. Of the others several were destroyed or ransomed & the others recaptured, or given

up to prisoners. Six of the privateers have been captured, carrying only 11 guns. One has been cast away, carrying 1 gun. Some goods taken from prizes have been brought in by the Privateers which are not included in the above estimate. Several privateers which have sent prizes into other ports are partly owned in Salem so that the whole amount of captured property owned in Salem, may be safely estimated at considerably over Half a Million of Dollars, & the loss to the British by the above Captures more than twice that Amount." The Captures in these: 11 Ships, 17 Brigs, 27 Schooners, 1 barque, 2 Sloops.

29. J. Pickering with me & Pr. Willard of Cambridge. Instances of pilfering little articles at the late fire but the loss of property small & the buildings of the humblest character seated upon leases near the wharf. They had no wells & conveniences back & were occupied by a Slop Ship, a Barber, a tobacconist, & a retailer. The whole might have been saved had the men who persisted upon breaking open the building, waited till they could get a bucket of water. The want of experience was found an evil even at a fire, tho' we could not wish the experience. The second cry of fire was from the incautious manner of leaving the fire as soon as the light was out. Lines should be made as much as possible in sight of fire as the men work better.

February 1 [1813]. Stronger guards are to be put upon our frontiers. Gen. Ulmer has declared his orders Jan. 8 at Eastport. Every person there must take the oath of allegiance. Every person passing over the lines or carrying provisions without leave, an enemy, aliens to leave. Several persons have been detected in communication with the enemy in Vermont lately. And several persons have been arrested near the seat of Government for illicit practices, among them one Baker, Br. Sec. of Legation lately & Br. Consul at Alexandria. Work to be done well. Already in Upper Canada they begin to feel these restrictions already adopted.

2. Lieut. Larabee with me who lost an Arm in the conflict with the Indians.

4. Was at Marblehead at the funeral of Capt. Ashley Bowen my old friend. He fell sometime since from a deck & was injured. Lately on a step & was confined. He died after a short illness, probably from a mortification. The same firm man. With all his prejudices & with sacred attachment to British everything, Navy, Church, State, so much did he love the memory of 1759 & his intimate friendship with Cooke the Circumnavigator. I had the consent of the Capt. at the Fort for the troops in procession, but the wife refused. The Cong. minister prayed at the house & the Eng. Ep. at the Grave. He was interred in a spot chosen by himself in the New M. H. ground, with his kindred, but so as to rise & face St. Michael's Church. He was a man of as fine

stamina of life as I ever knew. His understanding quick, his pursuit eager, resolute & inexhaustible. His probity sure & undisguised. His friendship sovereign & eternal. My father was with him among the Carpenters of 1759, when he was among the seamen. Mr. Bowen had his journals, his plans, his notices of all occurrences, but he was as completely [in]formed upon the Quebec expedition as the human mind can admit & his last thought as powerful as his first.

5. Capt. Ranney & his Officers with me. H. Larabee lost an arm at Brownstown & was afterwards retaken upon Erie. He was in the first action at Tippacanoe on the Wabash. In the afternoon V. Pres Gerry & family were with us & tarried at tea. He had a son & daughter & three other young ladies of his family kindred with him. Lt. Greenough commands at Salem Fort. Lt. Larabee is summoned at the trial of Hull. More pity is shown to Hull than vindication. The V. P. hopes that a paralysis under which he labours might not be forgotten.

7. Sunday. Last Sunday's collection at the Baptist Meeting house did not exceed sixty dollars for the Serampore Establishment & to repair their loss by fire. The public mind becomes more doubtful of the success of this Charity in such hands. A Report from Lynn is that Mr. Thacher of the first parish has accommodated with the parish for his dismissal. The Methodists have built a third meeting House near the first which is too small for them & Mr. T's talents are not adapted to resist the designs of any fanatics. It is said 800 D. is to be given as the damages. Mr. T. has not the pleasing manners or address of his Father & nothing like the talents of his Uncle who has died lately at Dedham. The name of his father gained him this difficult situation, for it has been such from the beginning & the death of his father was the loss of that protection which held him in it. The murmurs have been constant, but shame from former occurrences has delayed the consequences which are much more mild, than they might otherwise have been.

8. This day departed from life, Philip English who has been Sexton of the East Meeting House from April, 1765, 48 years, & in the whole time he had conducted with great fidelity & without violation, of a good reputation in society. He was son of Joseph English, a relative of the P[hilip] E[nglish] apprehended in 1692. When a youth he was received into Revd. Diman's family & afterwards taught [the] shoemaker's trade and at 28 came in as Sexton. He has left one son and two daughters. At the building of the House it was in the care of Mr. Babbidge, & when the court settled their accounts in 1723, Samuel Very was appointed & remained till 1733, when Isaac Aborn was introduced who continued till 1750, when Gibson Clough was appointed & when he died 1760,

John Gavet who continued till P. English was appointed in 1765. To him John Nichols succeeded in 1812, Mr. English still holding his salary.

9. We have melancholy reports again from the Western Army & in such a form as to give the most serious apprehensions for the fate of Gen. Winchester. It is said the British Consul at Boston is made a prisoner of war, & some alarms are abroad respecting clandestine & treasonable practices. Great Alarms are also made respecting the prevalence of Epidemic sickness first in the Army, then in the interior, & all the reports to assist the alarm are freely circulated. Indeed no arts are untried to unsettle the public mind upon every subject from the great violence of party which is organising the instruments of its activity. In Salem, the briskness of privateering prevents the attention to political artifice so as to keep us in tolerable quiet as to the multitude of the population.

11. The new law about Marshals which delivers the sales of all property into their hands was received with evident discontent. But when it was known that the Owners & agents of privateers had taken their different per cents in different ways & that in some cases these per cents amounted to $7\frac{1}{2}$ & something more exclusive of advantages in holding as well as disposing of the property before & after sales, the people became more reconciled to the limited fees of the Marshal & the owners to avoid scrutiny at present are silent.

12. In answer to the statement in Sat[urday's] Register Jan. 30, respecting the amount of prizes a statement was made in the next Gazette of Salem exhibiting a balance against the town. In this statement it observes that the whole account is given at 474 th dollars of which the people do not get the half. It then states the Town loss said to be already known at 900,000 dollars with a nearly equal sum at risk. The loss said to be ascertained is of five ships, 7 Brigs, 3 Schooners, giving a balance against the Town nearly equal to the whole sum reported as gained by the privateers. Whole number said to be lost by the war 15 Vessels. In answer it is said that the prize statement is the lowest & the other the highest. The first property taken sold after vendue sales for 100 per Cent & yet after all these deductions is half a million & would be worth to the owners four times as much as they sold for at this port, increasing their loss. While it is assumed that the Vessels of the town taken are in the estimate put at double their value at the highest calculation of them in the market. Here then is a loss of two millions to the British & not a fourth of a million to the Town. A loss eight for one.

14. Sunday. Notes. Christiana Waters & children, d. of her father Philip English, Sexton, æt. 77, pr. for son at sea. Sara Melbourne & ch., d. of her Father, pr. for husband at sea, d. of

Philip English. This day was the last of my friend Rev. John Eliot, D. D. of Boston. He was indisposed on Thursday when dining with his friends, seized with a violent spasm, could not be relieved, was carried home, soon exhausted & died this day at 11. Communion day. Died as his Father on Sunday Communion day & at the same age being in 59th year. He was a man of great candor, & with him I enjoyed a greater intimacy than with all the ministers of my generation put together. Eliot left School just as I entered it. More distinguished by his prudence & good disposition & sober sense than by any talents as a Scholar, or any eminence in his pulpit. He had no freedom in his devotional exercises, no natural music of voice & no ease in public composition. His sermons were not the best part of him. His ecclesiastical history in Historical Societies papers have not the research we should have expected. His Biography was printed inaccurately & his dates are strangely uncertain. Whenever the characters are from himself they are wretchedly uncertain. See that of Hubbard of Ipswich, which is characteristically wrong, as I convinced him in the Letter & from the direct documents I sent him. In his character of Williams we commonly say he meant to be right. In all my enquiries I differed from his opinion of men & more from his facts concerning them. I think therefore from his works the value of the man will not be known. He was the pleasant, sincere & amiable friend. Attaching all his friends to him without a single apprehension that he could intentionally injure them. His father educated two sons in the College & the younger was assisted by his friends after his decease. Two other sons were Merchants, but not successful & are dead. His eldest son long a Tutor at Cambridge, settled at Fairfield in Conn. & is dead. Eph[riam] the youngest & ed[ucated] at Camb., is an Apothecary in Boston. The daughters married, but have not been much known. The mother was exactly the prudent wife for a Minister. John has educated none of his Children. In this he was probably overruled by his private affairs, but he had not children who had any special claims. The eldest is a Merchant, the second a printer, the other Children young. His wife from Portsmouth was thought rich but her parent failed. She is subject to transient delirium & has suffered in it the late affliction for she was at Portsmouth on the d. of her Husband. She is a woman of whom I had a kind opinion for mind & form when at home. Dr. L. told me E. received the notices of d. from his physician very properly, submitted. Conversed alone with his son at home, Dr. L. prayed with him & he desired to be buried as his father was without a sermon at the funeral, with prayers & to be laid with him, in the family tomb on Cops Hill. I preached on the Sunday after the d. of the Father.

15. Was at Boston & dined with my aged Father who had entered his 87 year. He had his old habit of talking politics as he takes them, but is excessively deaf. I found Dr. Lathrop alone as to his old friends, all the Clergy being young around him. I visited the Land Bank apartment in the State House & observed the Gov. Leveret there was of him when old & not young like that from which mine was taken at Ipswich. In the Court I saw the crowd of members, & few countenances that enjoyed me. I am surprised at the changes a short time can make. I passed over for the first time the new street from the west side of the Mill pond. At White's Bookstore I found a great depreciation. West Boston is new but North End, North end still. My B[rother] D[avis] tells me that he has taken a Deed of my Father's property, & has engaged legally to support him while he lives. I find that he is an artful man & talks of the unpaid debts of the old man intending them for my portion.

16. This day the news of the capture & destruction of the Java by the Constitution reached us. This victory is reported as the former with the loss of all the spars of the Java, & the greater slaughter on the enemy's vessel. This ship was intended for India, & had men for the India service on board. The men were paroled in Brasil, & the Constitution has reached Boston. The Hand bill is particular assuring of the leading facts in this action.

18. I was at Boston at the funeral of Revd. John Eliot, D. D. At the Thursday Lecture I heard Mr. T. C. Thacher, in a fan[atical] Sermon on the occasion. He chose Job waiting till Change came, which he declared to be death, but Paul says not. We shall not all sleep but we shall be changed in a moment so that death is no part of the change. Everything due to the affections was paid. At the funeral the same method was observed as at the death of the Father, only the prayers were publicly in the Dr's mansion & meeting house & not elsewhere. Before the Corpse, moved the members of the Societies to which the Dr. belonged & his Congregation & Communicants. The Dr. at his Communion, had few males as have the Cong. Churches in Boston generally as the passions are seldom admitted to be doorkeepers. He was buried in the family tomb on the north side of the Cop's Hill Old Burying ground. In the evening I was with the young & rising branches of our own family.

19. I visited Richard's* factory bottom of Cross streets where my B. in law D[awes] works. I found several of the new machines in this building. One for milling studs for saddles, another for bending wire for eyes for buttons & another for stamping the buttons with proper dyes for the army & navy. Much of the

*Giles Richards, button and plated ware manufacturer, corner of Cross and Fish streets.

plaiting business was done, but particularly for horses' bits & Carriage tackling. At the Athenaeum I found greater conveniences than at my former visit but saw no general Catalogue, and Mr. Shaw the Librarian was absent. At my leisure I passed by the Mall to the Hollis Street Meeting House & then by the new Dorchester road to the N[ew] S[outh] M[ee]ting & called on Thomas Walnut but did not find him.

21. Sunday. Notes. Hannah Webb & children, d. of her Husband, Stephen Webb. He was a good seaman & one of good prospects. He was killed in the action of the Constitution with the Java, 29 December last. I have not the particular circumstances of his death which probably was not from the enemy's fire but accident. Joseph Webb, d. of his brother Stephen, S. of Stephen. Only one brother now left. Lydia Ward, d. of her brother & pr. for Husband & Brothers at Sea. Br. Daniel Ward, son of Richard, æt. 31, in army. [Lynn?] tells me he has accepted his dismissal by a Council with the satisfaction of all parties, & in great peace. He predicts great evils to the Congregational churches, & probably were all of the ministry without talents their fate would be precipitated. He speaks of Dow's situation in Upper Beverly as uncertain & Anderson at Wenham is prolonging his existence there by great relinquishments of his stipulated salary. The Methodists at Lynn have made sad work with Congregational churches. No man apprehended that a fraudulent Episcopacy would accomplish what established Episcopacy has for Centuries attempted in vain. But it is indeed Democracy is introducing Episcopacy blindfolded. At Boston I heard that several of the Congregational Ministers had occasionally preached in the Universalists' Meeting Houses. Not by exchange of Pulpits, but by a charitable aid to the incumbent John Murray, who is disabled by a paralytic affection. The Ministers supplied their own pulpits with their own friends. Mr. Murray still lives & is sometimes carried to public worship, but is unable to address the Assembly. Mr. Mitchel his Assistant, soon left & there has been some dissention respecting the Candidates which have been heard as to the choice for a Successor. The final decision is left for April. It has been insinuated that Mr. Turner of Salem will be invited if too strong attachments have not already been formed to the last Candidate in the Univ. or Bennet St. Meeting House. Little did Dr. S. Mather think his seperation from the old Church & the building of this house would in the next generation issue in such consequences. In the old Baptist Church since Dr. Stillman's death, everything is on the decline. Judge Clay was a miserable disappointment to them all & no appearance but of continued decay attends them. What has contributed powerfully to this effect is the rebuilding of the Second Baptist Church in its neighbourhood in a good style in brick,

while the first house is a poor decayed wooden building & very small, & while the First Church is supplied with uncertain & undistinguished preachers, the new & large Second Church is supplied by Dr. Baldwin, who has an uncommon share of popularity in his Sect everywhere & being represented as friendly to the present administration, while its friends have been in power, he has been chaplain to the H. of Rep. being acceptable to the County party.

The Salem Street Academy near the North Ep. Church called Christ Ch. has not given that Church the support expected. It is still thin & the academy has few students, tho it be assisted by Mr. Lathrop whose habits are hardly adapted to the attentions such an Institution will require. The Rector has not the energy of the pulpit, or ease of the Instructor. Mr. Thacher having an affection of the lungs must be heard with great attention & Mr. Channing whether from his novel situation had not those charms of utterance which belong to the Uction for which he is highly celebrated. His prayer was no departure from the antient habit or expression having all the terms of scholastic theology, but without the offence. His paragraphs began for each subject alike in the antient form. Not enough with apparent design to say not an involuntary initiation. He was more happy in this extemporaneous manner than the other Gentleman. I was told that the novelty having departed from Dr. Griffith of the Park Church, he had not that attention he had at first received. Like our friend Brown he had not stock to support his expences, & so run in debt to the good nature of his audience, who had first applauded him & then were ashamed to desert him. In Boston they have three vacancies in the Cong. Churches a thing never before known.

22. Received a Letter from the Rec. Sec. of Antiquarian Society in which he informs me I was elected a Member, Feb. 3 & at last Meeting, Councillors among seven. I have not yet the history of this Association, its Constitution, its Members or the act of its Incorporation, nor perhaps the political origin of it. As I have an application relative to the establishment of a literary Institution to be called College of Arts, &c. if approved which is to embrace men not unfriendly to the Administration of their own Government & therefore not prejudiced enough to be admitted into any present establishment says the latter, "a plan of forming a Society of literary & worthy characters for the purpose of promoting the Arts & Sciences on Principles congenial with the Government of our country." To be called perhaps "The Massachusetts College of Arts & Sciences." The Association should embrace none but Men of truly Am. principles.

23. We have had it reported that a Military Association in Salem intended to give Comm. Bainbridge an invitation to sup

with them, but since the conduct of the Opposition in the Senate this class of men are not independent enough to act without some other impulse. The House were determined that their Compliment should not be appropriate. A party paper in Boston endeavoured to lessen the merit of the naval action & was addressed by Comm. B. on the subject. It is said old President Adams refused to receive that paper afterwards.

25. Singular domestic accidents. An aged Lady, Mother in Law to W. Orne, one of our chief Merchants, was burnt to death by fire in her clothes when left alone a few minutes. Mary Orne, wid. of Jonathan, æt. 81. Also a young man from the Country, a Frenchman, & lately engaged in a Privateer, leaped in a delirium, probably from intemperance, from an window of a third story, Daniels St., & died.

28. Sunday. Last Sunday for the first time we had Confirmation in the Episcopal Church in Salem by Bp. Griswold. As before the war we had no Bishop this rite could not be administered. During Mr. Fisher's residence for a small part of the time we had a Bishop but neither of them either Bass or Parker upon any terms officiated in St. Peter's Church & Seabury was absolutely disowned. As the Salem Church was not resigned to any Diocesan, the rite of course was not administered. One experiment which I adopted & made to succeed with extreme labour last evening failed me after thirty years. I have personally attended in the Singing School, to fix the attention of the youth, to prevent the intermixture of the vile, & to preserve the hopes of good families that the service should not degrade their children. The restraint was at length insufferable, & after many struggles by hints I could not resist to take, I was obliged to decamp. A more settled & more pointed resistance was never contemplated.

March 1 [1813]. Last Friday Bp. G. preached at 3 P. M. at St. Peter's. The plea was to oblige such persons as could not attend on Sunday. He called upon me with Mr. Johonnot and the reason was asked for my absence. I told him that the ceremonies of virtue for so extraordinary thing had not been performed. The Church will not be the same thing it was under Mr. Fisher. Reports are that the John from this port, Capt. Fairfield, belonging to the Crowninshields is taken.

4. Our habits of gaining wealth may render us little attention to the honour of spending it. This is the day of inauguration & we hoped to have received the Naval Officers. It was proposed to the Marine Society. Their funds are for charity. The East India Society have no funds. [A] Hundred would have dined with Adm. Rogers if the club which received him had invited them. So we are disappointed, if we expected anything. The extraordinary orders

to encourage Licenses in the northern States in preference to the Southern have received due notice from our Worthy President. A more open avowal of the Henry plan of separation could not be made.

5. The town of Andover has given a good example on the election of the Town by investing Officers friendly to the General Government. In Salem we have made no preparations. The paralysing influence of a late appointment has prevented a concurrence in any plan. The Privateers have such a complete command of our active youth, & all of one side as to give little hope. Mr. Fuller of the Senate in Lynn has resigned, & declines another election. His father was the intended Candidate, but the new Judge understood how to fill the Commission & make the nomination of this County Judge. The gentlemen of the Law gain influence on both sides for themselves.

7. Sunday. Note. Philip Thresher & wife, d. of Son John & pr. for 2 sons absent. John enlisted, & was under Hull at Detroit, returned upon parole, & died of a fever in Salem.

9. We have not yet succeeded to get our Naval dinner. The Societies cannot. The parties cannot. The Coalition will not. So it stands yet. The more humble officers have been noticed in their respective circles properly. Our privateering has not risen with character. It has fallen from better to worse hands. We have had some of the best men in command, we have had also the worst. Since Saturday the weather has been severe. The Glass uniformly below the freezing point, but with a few small flights of snow. The rain which fell on the snow covered us with a bed of ice, & the sleighing never was better in the country. No signs of melting even in our streets & cold enough in our fields. The Cold of Saturday night inclosed all our harbour. They are opening it this day.

11. Had an interview at Capt. Josiah Orne's with Mr. Stephen Williams & his family from Northborough, Worcester County. His wife was an Orne, & one of the first of women.

12. As this was the Annual Town Meeting, contrary to all expectation, the friends of the General Government had a Caucus last night & appeared at the meeting & rose far above their own expectations. Only a Moderator was chosen by 756 Fed. ag[ainst] 630 Rep., a depression from 500 to 250 less than before in the majority of 125. This has encouraged another effort at Caucus this evening for the morrow, & the invitation discovers that serious fears are entertained for a change in the policy of Salem.

13. The Efforts to reduce the number of our Impressed Seamen from 6 th. to one hundred has been noticed in Salem for which more men have been impressed than the 157 reported.

Our Republican Friends turned out this day & did wonders, considering their former divided State. In the 1700 votes we came near to an equal division. I offered myself to vote, but was challenged as not paying taxes. I plead that the Freemen formerly were Church members. That the Law of 1742 made the qualifications property. That it was part of my Settlement that my people exempt me from taxes. That this was not a disqualification or so understood in antient practice but intended for a privilege. That the form was not the question. That in Vermont a partial taxation had taken place upon ministers & no objection drawn from the unfaithfulness, but in expediency. The right to be taxed at the will of the Legislature was acknowledged, having then the property, I had the privileges the Law required. But I succeeded in nothing. Esqr. Ashton, the Moderator, plead it was not common. E. H. Derby challenged me, but could give no reason & Pelatiah Brown, an Ignorant Lumberer, said it was not usual & I should vote for Governour. I was glad I went, but my friend G[eorge] C[rowninshield] hurried me up & gave me not a thought that any difficulty could arise. So much for seeing with the eyes of another man & for not using your own. Great exertions were made on both sides with no ordinary expences. We are true Englishmen on these occasions. The contested list embraced only Selectmen, Clerk & Assessors. Our List, M. Townsend, Joshua Ward, Joseph Ropes, I. M. Woodbridge, & B. W. Crowninshield, Selectmen. James Odell, James Ropes & John Shillaber, Assessors, & David Cummins, T. Clerk. Republican Ticket, 834, Fed. 886.

14. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Mary Bateman & children, d. of her Mother Mary Batten, æt. 80. Wid. Sara Batten and her daughters, d. of her Mother in Law Batten, & pr. for a fr. in captivity. Wid. Susanna Sayward, d. of her sister in Law Mary Batten, pr. friends at sea. Benjamin Dean & wife, d. of his Son in Law, W. Hunt, æt. 33, pr. for a Son in captivity. Mary Beckford & Children, d. of her Father in Law, pr. for husband and friends absent. Nath. Chever & wife, d. of youngest Child, pr. for her Father in an ill state of health. Wid. Mary Hutchinson, d. of her g. child Chever, pr. for a g. son at sea. The father of Capt. John Beckford died lately at Durham, N. H. aged 88 years. Long infirm. He has left 7 Children. His son, husband of Mary, is now in South America in business & has several farms in Durham, where his father lived before his decease. The father's name was Winthrop Beckford, a farmer of the place.

We learn from Andover that at the Theol. Institution they are about to print a history of Missionary Institutions to save their own Don Quixote adventures from ridicule. We promise nothing

from their talents whatever they may derive from the ignorance of the age. In our County at present, Spring of Newburyport & Worcester of Salem take the lead in the Hopkinsian System, the others are so undistinguished that it is difficult to say under whom they range. Dr. Dana of Ipswich is at the head of the Old fashioned Calvinists. His son at Newburyport stands nearer to him than his son at Marblehead. Of the amiable & mild perhaps Arminian may be Mr. Mottey of Lynnfield, Mr. Popkin of old Newbury, Andrews of Newburyport, & Bernard & Prince of Salem. Mr. Worcester's book promises something to the Arians, & disguisedly some are to be found, but without an exact statement of their opinions, Worcester having created more doubts than he has settled controversies. At Andover, both ministers are young & have a character to form. Mr. Eaton of Boxford has been esteemed, the other minister Briggs is young. At Amesbury, Hull & Mead are little known. Mead was formerly at lower Danvers. Allen & Dutch of Bradford are not much known. In Beverly, Abbot was from Haverhill, Emerson has not high fame, & Dow is unknown. Parish at Byfield is known by his flaming politics, his clerkship to Dr. Morse, & his little books circulated for children & Schools. In Danvers, Mr. Wadsworth maintains domestic respect, Walker little known. In Gloucester, Fuller is a sober man, the rest young. At Hamilton, Dr. Cutler has retired from his Botanical pursuits & Land speculations. In Haverhill, the ministers are young. In Ipswich, Kimball is in the parish of the Rogers, unknown. Thacher has left Lynn & Frothingham is not well supported. In Manchester they have installed their fourth minister since my day. In Marblehead they have now their Chever, Barnard & Holyoke, Methuen & Middleton unknown. Indeed we have lost some of our antient glory. Most of the ministers have published some occasional papers or Sermons. At the head of the three prevailing Sects I should put Spring, Dana & Popkin. As to our sects they have not the dawn of genius to recommend them.

15. The marching up of the Alexander's* men at the Town Meeting was undoubtedly improper but it was not attended with the disorder attributed to it by the Gazettes of Salem & Boston. The design evidently was to keep the men together to avoid the difficulty of collecting the men for their cruise. They did indeed return to their Vessel & sail on their cruise immediately.

16. T. Pickering the Quondam Secretary, has begun his Letters again in the Salem Gazette & his son John is seeking immortality in proving that the 6 th. men said to be impressed are a false number for a list which cannot reach 2 hundred. This singular calculation Comm. Rogers has contributed to correct by saying that

*The crew of the privateer ship Alexander, Capt. Benjamin Crowninshield.

out of 150 men in his ship 120 had been impressed on board British ships & he believed that a greater number had been impressed than the whole number employed in the service of the United States. John & his Father are excellently adapted to get over these small difficulties.†

19. We have now sure int[elligence] that the John which made two successful cruises under Capt. B. Crowninshield & lately fitted out from this port under Capt. Fairfield, has been taken by an armed Brig & sent into St. Thomas. Her Crew chiefly from Marblehead, about one hundred men. This P[rivateer] belonged to the Crowninshields & is the largest & best found of any that have been taken by the British from this port. She was chased & several men wounded. David, a son of Capt. James Chever, was wounded. The America now fitting out in this Port belonging to the same firm is not to be commanded by Capt. Joseph Ropes who went in her on the first cruise, but by one of her former Lieutenants. The business does not seem to shift into more skillful hands. Several smaller privateers are getting ready. We have several out. Morgan, with Enterprise, has been out nine weeks & we have not heard from him. He is an Original. Among the enlisted soldiers is a son of the G. Burleigh of Beverly. The son was sent to Cambridge, was too irregular to finish his Course, was put under Judge Story for law, sold his books & played away the money & enlisted a common soldier in Continental bounty.

21. Sunday. Revd. James Bowers with me this day but from the delicacy of interfering with St. Peter's Church I dispensed with his kind aid for the day & he left for Billerica. It was feared that the enmity between him & Mr. Fisher might extend to the Church but it has not as I am well assured. Mr. Bowers officiates at Dedham in the absence of Mr. Montague, & holds a glebe in South Kingston in which it is his purpose for the present to hold his residence, till he can be better situated. The glebe is for the Bishop & the Poor, but the Bishop patronises him. St. Peter's Church express great resentment against John J. S. Gardner of Trinity, Boston, for his ungratious manner of receiving the invitation to attend at the funeral of Revd. Fisher. He declared in an unqualified manner that F. was unworthy of his notice, a dishonour to the Church & never at its Conventions but with purpose to create division or to express opposition with some rancorous language unworthy of the occasion. It was the occasion which was thought to exact a different conduct. Gardner's pupil Burroughs from Portsmouth was with St. Peter's Church this day. He is characterized as one of the readers, but no writer of

†See Essex Institute Hist. Coll., Vol. 49, pp. 321-346.

Sermons. It is said that a blind man hearing him at Dedham, thought it was Gardner himself.

22. The notices of the intention to build a 74 at Charlestown, Mass. & another at Portsmouth, has induced some violent men to forget their manners in their interest. This quietus is no compliment to our nature. The Loan which has been discouraged by the Opposition will succeed by speculation.

23. We have the news that the Hornet engaged the Peacock, British armed Brig. Hornet rated 16 guns, Peacock 18 & carries 19 guns. The action was 15 minutes & sunk the Peacock. Capt. Lawrence commanded the Hornet, 25 Feb. off Surinam. Capt. of the Peacock killed 8 men & 27 wounded. 19 sunk in the Brig. This is called our Fifth Naval Victory. The Hornet was at Holmes' Hole & is gone for New York. Hornet had one man killed & two wounded. Took 127 prisoners.

25. It is reported a Sloop of War is to be built in Salem, but the news comes in a singular form. The notice is given to a known enemy of the present administration & he has called for proposals from men as unfriendly to the administration as he is. This has occasioned a Letter & remonstrance & a determination to withdraw from the Loan, if the measure be persisted in.

26. Saw a miniature of Dr. Holyoke of Salem, from Hancock. This worthy man is still active in his profession as a practising Physician, over 80 years of age. He was son of the President at Cambridge, who sat the longest in the Chair of the University & with good reputation in his generation. He came to Salem in 1749 & has been here 64 years in the practice of physic.

28. Sunday. Note. John P. Babbidge ret. from sea, d. of his Mother in his absence, & fr. at sea. His Mother M. wife of Benjamin Babbidge, ruined by Archer. The Caravan, a Salem vessel that carried out the Missionaries to Bengal, has returned. Reports are endless respecting these infatuated, now perhaps roguish men. It is said besides the convert to the AnaBaptists the others have not the best service. The mad scheme cannot be too much reprobated, as executed here & the silence seems to express that there is not much to applaud, when fanaticism dares not to uncover. It is not modest, nor silent, when it can deceive. Time will explain more to us in another way.

29. The Ship America, our best Privateer, sailed today under a very young company of Officers & without much experience. We hope this will not be throwing this valuable ship away. She has been long preparing for sea. She leaves in port only a few small privateers, the chief, the Grumbler & Growler. Just at this time the Navy has taken most of our seamen & the long delay of prizes puts a check upon these naval adventures. No men risk quicker or sink sooner than the seamen who engage in privateers.

30. The late Salem Secretary is delivering a new batch of Letters. But the administration treat him with deserved contempt. Such an egotism with such base insinuations cannot be entitled to their resentment.

April 1, 1813. The Alfred Privateer of this port sent in a Rum Ship, the first prize for some time past. We have only small vessels fitting for sea armed. Recruiting goes on well or better than we should have expected. The Loan is retarded by every effort & the noted T. Pickering has engaged against it in his manner.

2. Two ships seen in the offing were observed from our heights. Very different opinions were entertained of their character, but nothing known. In New York it was reported as from Boston that it had been invested & in great distress. It is supposed to be a political artifice at the election to counteract the prejudice from the belief of exemption from molestation by the British. These tales published by consent pass with uncommon rapidity through the States, and others are prepared to take their places as soon as time enough has elapsed to prove their falsehood. The state of the public mind may be conceived. Mr. Pickering's son John's interference about Impressed Seamen has brought upon him some insults at the places which he has visited. It seems hardly discrete to go to a Mother to persuade her that her son is not impressed while she is under all the vexation of the thoughts & of the assurances by letters.

4. Sunday. From a person in the Caravan I find the Missionaries were in India, but with small prospects. One had joined the Baptists. One had gone for Isle of France & others were in various employments, & all found that they were without plan & better at home. Revd. Dow of Beverly's fate was to be decided by consent last week. I know not the man who has been several years near me & have heard nothing of the result. It is a matter not taken up in common conversation among us.

St. Peter's Church in Salem do not expect an answer from the Bishop as to his settlement among them for three months. It is said he is to consult the Clergy of his diocese. Mr. Bowers thinks he will not accept the invitation. The Church is making efforts to rise & pay unusual attention to the Chants & Singing under a Mr. Thomas lately from Newbury Port who has some talents in that way. The transient alarms of blockades & invasion has put the little wigwam into grumblers & growlers, the names of two privateers fitting out at the port. When the effects are so quick, the tinder of Superstition must be ready.

5. Major Ranney, as he has been lately promoted but is still Commandant in this county & upon our Shores, seeing the Armed

Ships of the enemy on our coast, sent a guard to the Neck of Marblehead, & the signal for an attempt to land was a single gun. At midnight the boys of the town full of all Fools Day agreed to fire a bomb as they called it. This discharge agreeing with the Major's signal, the forts were under arms & a detachment sent on for two miles. The Guards hailed regularly, heard the gun & it was not till next day that the cause of the firing was known. Most of the inhabitants rose but as silence continued, not much confusion followed this first notice of the public fears. Was at Marblehead at Major Ranney's with Dix & Dunlap from Cambridge.

6. No hopes of saving the Senators of our Gerrymander District. It is said unusual sums have been spent at this election, 800 dollars to one man for his attendance & horses & carriages, so said. With all this energy the opposition in Salem did not add more than 12 votes to their List of 940, last y. 928.

8. State Fast. In the Charity of this day this difference 30 dollars in bills on one side of the House & only 3 on the other, & the change the same. In the Morning the War of God. Evening, Safety from the Lord, the Subjects. I feel very favourable to every plan to dispossess the English of Canada.

10. Col. Lee from Marblehead supplied me with a mess of Dandelions for Fast Day. This is the second time he had done such a favour. This afternoon I was upon Naugus' head to see Major Ranney discipline his recruits. Lt. Greenough was over with his men from Salem Fort. Two English Frigates in the Bay.

11. Sunday. Note. Wid. Rebecca Patterson, d. of her Sister Mary Tozzer, æt. 77, pr. for her self under the infirmities of great old age, past ninety years of age.

16. Being Good Friday the English Church & Catholic have advertised for hearers. Abbot of Beverly in the English Church & Dr. Obrian, a new comer, in the Catholic. He has the Court house & begins at 10, the other at 11. This is a brave contest for times & season, & brings the two Churches together. We have never had a Catholic service in a public building since Thayer's visits & never in due form with the Service.

19. The death of Widow Mary Pitcher, æt. 75, in Lynn furnishes two facts to the World. This woman has been commonly resorted to by this neighbourhood as a fortune teller & died in the full reputation of her skill. Some dared to insinuate she was a Witch, but there was no fire or halter in the Law for her. Superstition in this sort is still general among seamen & even among such as are not of the lowest order of them. It is a more pleasing circumstance attending the death of "Mother Pitcher" as she is commonly named by those who call upon her, that her death is

said to be the only one in Lynn, for five months past from a population exceeding 4 thousand.

20. Last night was brought from Newbury Hotel at Carr Island Bridge, the remains of Richard Manning, our neighbour, æt. 58. He had extensive lands under cultivation in Maine & was on his way to them. He is said to have gone to bed well & was found in an Apoplexy in the morning at sunrise & expired on Monday noon after having been one day & an half or 36 hours known to be in the fit. Probably it begun at midnight as they heard the chair move in which his head was found, & supposed some person had come in or gone out. He never recovered in the least. His family was with him. He came from Ipswich & was a blacksmith. His habits of body did not allow him to persevere in his occupation & he succeeded Mr. Chever in horse & Chaise letting, bought the Carlton house in Union street, & pulled down the old Giggles house, & built stables after living in it several years. He then bought the Archer building opposite on the estate of Hardys & died in the possession. A few years since the establishing of Stages to Boston he relinquished the firm to his children & bought lands in Maine in Cumberland & has spent the greater part of his time upon them. His interest in Lands was considerable. He has left 9 children, 5 sons & 4 daughters. One of his D[ughters]* married a Harthorne, whose Mother in law next house was buried yesterday, æt. 76.

21. A Court Martial upon Capt. Bowditch of the Cadets. He is a Republican, & must be ruined. We have not yet the judgment, probably ruin.

22. A Court Martial has been held in Salem, upon Capt. Ebenezer Bowditch upon charges of neglect of duty. These charges were brought forward by one Joshua Cushing, a tool of party, with threatenings to his Brigadier if he did not prosecute them & he was weak enough to comply & then the complainants did not appear to support their charges & Mr. Bowditch was acquitted "of all & singular the charges specified against him." In one case he proved the Orders of the Governor. Another he admitted volunteers in his ranks on a day of Independence. Another did not turn out several years since when he was known to be unable to work by a violent strain, & when he had not obliged his Lieut. at their own request, as an incompetent officer. Upon the whole this is a political prosecution & the man is not in his former prosperity. It is said this is the first Court Martial ever held upon a Citizen of Salem. Not perhaps because they have been prominent in military duty or military commanders.

25. Sunday. Notes. Miriam Manning, with her children,

*The mother of Nathaniel Hawthorne.

sudden d. of her Husband Richard Manning from Ipswich & pr. for a Son at Sea. She a Giddins of Chebaco. James Chever & wife with their children, d. of 2d son David, of a wound on board the John, Capt. James Fairfield, from a 74 in Chase, pr. for Eldest Son at Sea. Richard Palfrey, death of his Daughter Dorothy, & pr. for his Sons at Sea. Widow Judith Webb, æt. 83, d. of Sister Rachel Harthorne, æt. 79 & Widow of Capt. Daniel Harthorne & Mother of the wife of Capt. Simon Forrester, of Capt. G. Archer, & other surviving children. Widow Eunice Perkins, æt. 60, death of her sister Harthorne, pr. for Children at Sea. Last Thursday night died Revd. Asahel Huntington, æt. 53, Pastor of the church at Topsfield. He was as well as usual on the Saturday preceeding. Appeared to have as he called it a cold which terminated in fever & death. I have not had the progress or character of his disease. When I first knew Topsfield, the Pastor was John Emerson, Revd., in 1774. He died in 1776 & in 1779 was succeeded by Daniel Breck of Boston, Brother to the celebrated merchant of Boston of that name & afterwards of New York. Mr. Emerson had amassed a great landed estate which his children have understood to kept & while he was not distinguished in his profession, enjoyed an independence which kept him from contempt. Mr. Breck had great zeal, but less knowledge of men, & without talents or address had not so happy a course. Dissentions of the most trifling nature soon begun, & ended in a separation in 1788. It became doubtful whether another election would soon take place, but a choice & settlement was made in 1790, of the lately deceased pastor. He was from Connecticut. Of very sedate manners, constant reserve, but of a mild & not sullen temper & he has preserved a wonderful tranquility ever since till his death. He has a family of which I know nothing excepting I was lately in the company of one of his daughters at James Stearns who married a grand-daughter of the late Rev. John Emerson & a descendant of the old Gov. Bradstreet, whose lands in Topsfield are held by his family, who informs an attachment to Rev. Mr. H. is his real hospitality to an unknown Gentleman from Conn. bearing my name, & being a preacher, who was taken sick at his house. He did all the duties of a father & benefactor. Our Lodge made a payment of his account, but it was far short of an equivalent for his services. Mr. Bentley originally from the R. Island branch of our family, was educated by an Uncle then dead, & had no resources but in his virtues & his profession. The more full history of Topsfield & of the deceased I must obtain from other persons.

26. A Company of Regular troops passed through Salem from N. H. for Boston. Capt. Rhue who went with John Gardner to

Halifax has returned. A strange want of principle. This G. has ruined his father & family by his speculations. Built one of our largest houses. And to finish his career has gone down to Halifax, into which he was carried a prisoner, to establish a trade & probably a correspondence in this quarter. The freedom of political invective has broken down all obligations to the State. The Brother of this G., once a flourishing Master & Merchant, is now in custody for the debts to the Custom House. A large property has been seized at the Custom House, Boston, from Halifax via Nantucket.

27. Timothy Pickering & his Son John in this neighbourhood are barefaced in opposition to the measures of our government. Their inconsistency is absurd, but their virulence detestable. They have no blush. The old man says the practice is "found in a perfect right" speaking of Impressments in his late letters. When Secretary of State & writing officially he says, Impressment "is to expose property, expose to monstrous abuses & is utterly inadmissible." John says that as one of the Committee of the Legislature not 150 impressments in the state & 154 have been produced & named & published in Essex Register in Salem only.

28. The 90 men who passed for the Northern Army from Dover under Capt. Moses Hoyt of 9 Regt. for Charlestown, were entertained by the Republicans of Salem with supper & breakfast for which public thanks.

29. From Boston, two hundred horse have gone on to the North. Everything favourable is said of the appearance of these brave men. The opposition begin to speak more openly of a separation of the state, & their activity in disseminating political error is worthy of a better cause. Not an engine do they refuse to seek & employ. Charity, religion, associations of every name, all employed to do the work of destruction.

30. Was notified by Capt. Foster that the fish were running. Went to the brook at Shillaber's plain below Spring pond, but found no fish passing. H. C. & B. Fuller with me. We then passed by the spring turnpike to the Salem turnpike, & then through Wood end to Swanscut beaches to Wid. Philips. Found that she had been sick & gave up all thoughts of keeping a house of entertainment any longer. Then passed to Playstead, Browne's, Allen's Farm & was kindly received by Mr. Stanley the tenant, we finding ourselves. We walked through this large farm to the Lynn boundaries. At Shillaber's we found that in the present month & lately the Grand dame, who has often received us, had died æt. 82. Sarah Shillaber was sister of Ichabod Nichols of Salem, a man of some property in Salem. Their mother, a Widow, was distinguished by her Cake, as Sarah was by her Stay making.

She was deemed preeminent in her work till she married Shillaber & preserved in her manners the proofs of her superiour worth, mental & moral. Her husband did not contribute to bring her into favourable circumstances of action. For a time they kept a small tavern & cultivated a barren spot of ground, but such a woman could never be poor. I could not refuse to contrast the situation of Allen's & Pickman's farms with their former condition. When I first knew Browne's farm, now Allen's, a beautiful garden with pumps, open fences & cultivation second to no one in the County, now all has disappeared. An orchard of several hundred trees, now few, old & neglected remain. The farm of several hundred acres in very humble improvement. More barns built, but these out buildings were intended for a new house never raised. On the contrary Col. Pickman's farm, which was a common house with a few acres in common cultivation & almost inaccessible by the worst of roads & bridges, is now in a most promising situation. The buildings are in good condition & the barns excellent. An uncommon double wall ranges from the upper Forest river bridge to the east side of the Pasture road till it meets the Great Road from Marblehead. Where it joins Mr. Derby it is carried southerly over the high grounds & not over the pitches & marshes. Many acres of the Great pasture are walled & redeemed from a state of nature. Many new orchards appear on both sides of the road. The marshes are drained. The limits of the farm extended to the Marblehead road between Collins & from whose posterity this land has been purchased. We have seen the Farm of E. H. Derby now neglected distinguished by a garden of exotic & forced growth. But we have seen nothing which has appeared more like just cultivation & real improvement. This farm has been for many years under farmer Upton, a man who united to a good person, a sound mind, generous health, comprehensive views of his employment, & who deserves the best character of a Farmer among us. We found the work still going on & an entire change in the whole face of the country, so that south fields have every advantage over the better lands of north fields from the industry & ability employed in them.

May 1, 1813. The Ships President & Congress sailed yesterday from Boston & proudly passed us in full view from our port.

2. Sunday. Had two persons propounded for members of the Church. For a long time the career of the Baptists has been checked. Now one Rand from New H. has succeeded Jones with some stir. The Higher or Close Communion Baptists under Bolles are quite still & no immersions have happened for some time & these with little moment. Every speech on the subject brings round incautious females, their awful denunciations & they leave these to work & on the first dismal hour, they seize their prey.

It has however concurred with other causes to lessen the attention to the dedication of Children with sensible effects at present upon education in domestic religion & the unguarded minds not taught at all are left free to all the terrour of superstition. These are facts. Whether public baptism is to be made indispensable from the love of the end & restored to a former authority or such like effects are to be expected, as happen where baptism is confined to full Communion, is a question. The case is however different as the one is a relaxing system, & the other a bracing one of the same patient. It is evident Baptism of infants is valuable only for its advantages in education. The present operation may be from the condition of the subject with manners & times but will it not always be so, & will not the times which relax superstitions, be times of the opposite extreme.

4. Our military review. Party has nearly destroyed the Cadet Company. Bowditch having been acquitted by a Court Martial has resigned & the Comp. did not appear. Two excellent Lieut. of the Artillery have resigned not pleased with the Capt., a Stranger. Political party did not this but private contempt. King's Infantry, called Salem Light Infantry have high favours from a party. They are all enlisted from antipatriotic families, & are young. The Mechanic light Infantry are few, as were the horse on the parade. The young man who commands the horse like the late Col. Archer has run out & gone away. The Militia have not their full patronage as the majority are republican & a republican commands as Colonel. They are good men but nothing very military distinguished them. The Danvers Artillery did us the honour of a Visit, & gave a salute in the parade.

5. At the Monday May Meeting the Opposition were unchecked & they chose their own men.

6. Mrs. Hooper & d. Caroline & Louisa Lithgow from Bath with us. Kept in by the weather. Mrs. H. was a dau. of Wid. Hurst, æt. 74. A neighbour in Prince St., Boston. A Prize has arrived to the Montgomery Privateer, from coast of Guinea & Privateer Fame. The wretch who attempted to rise in the America & was whipped at Boston, was shot in an act of disobedience to the Officer of the privateer which has come in. The Officer waits orders.

7. An uncommon example of change. A neighbouring barber who left off shaving & turned speculator had engaged a credit of 170 th. dollars, & upon the first turn of times after he had played off all his tricks was obliged to renounce all to his new eagled eye creditors. To avoid the shame of a poverty, increased by all the expensive parade of wealth & beyond example among our richest merchants, he removed to the capital to try for a

Lodging house to be kept by his family, while he opened his barber's shop again. But a weak mind had refuge in an habitual intemperance & he could not be sober in the streets. The daughter turned from the kitchen, returned to it again & was pregnant by a coloured footman, & to end the scene he has returned to the Work house where his Father lived a long life & from which he was taken. Yet such was the imposition that this man could defy the ridicule spent upon him when he rose to the command of the regiment of Militia. No man attributing to him any other talents, than those of getting money.

9. Sunday. Dr. Eliot's Library is offered for sale at a Vendue in Commencement week. In the Gazette it is said, I suppose by his friend Shaw, Librarian at the Athenaeum, that "Probably no private collection in this Country contains so many rare & curious volumes. Many of them we[re] sent by that indefatigable collector Thomas Hollis, to the father of the late Owner, many were the fruit of his own researches." I hardly think this can be literally understood of a Collection which cannot possibly contain one thousand volumes, tho so much is true there are "choice books on Theology, History & General Literature." Mr. Hollis' bounty extended to such political & occasional publications as marked the time of the Correspondence & it has never been in Dr. Eliot's power to add one hundred volumes to the Collection.

12. My old Schoolmate Dr. S. Blanchard, set. 57, died last week at Wenham.

13. Returned to port the Privateer Frolic, first called the Growler. It was the second Vessel built last winter on the Neck at the Gate by the McGowns. It was nearly upon the model of Morgan's Enterprise. It was long before the Vessel was sparred & rigged so as to sail at all, but she was so sharp a stern that she run under so as to induce all the Crew to agree to return to port and abandon her. The public anxiety increases for Morgan in the Enterprise, who has been out several months & has not been seen. If Morgan returns we shall know how much seamanship is concerned in this business, as he was a proper person for experiments. He had extensive information, power of distinguishing, & boundless resource of invention.

14. The lesson of our dependence on the southern states was never better told than in the wants we feel & from the high price of grain of every description. We have not a supply of potatoes. A seizure has been lately made in Boston which will serve to explain some characters in our Capital. It is believed that Thorne-dike of Beverly or Gray of Salem would not have left the places of their first wealth with their present convictions.

17. Yesterday we were disturbed by an attack of two English

Frigates upon a Prize intended for this Port. The Prize was run ashore between Manchester & Cape Ann, but as the tide was flowing was taken possession of by the boats of the Frigates & carried off. The People of Cape Ann assembled generally. They could not get their Artillery to the point of defence, but were ready with their musketry. No loss of lives was experienced on the occasion on our part. The firing was at 11 A. M. For the first time we see the Perch upon our Shores again. Like the Herring, they are sooner or later according to the season, making nearly a month's difference in the time of their visits.

18. News was brought to us of the death of Col. T. Archer, æt. 45, who was a prisoner for debt in the Prison at Boston. He had been delivered to the police of Boston & was to have been sent to our Work House but was detained in plea of Debt. He was by trade a Barber, in favourable times speculated in Loans, was deemed rich, & promoted to the Services of the police, & made Col. of Salem Regiment. It was found that he was unprincipled, adventurous & finally died, having a bill of debts exceeding 100,000 dollars, & probably nearly double that sum. He erected the Great Brick building at the entrance of the Common from Essex street westward, he built the store opposite by partnership opposite corner of Elm street, he purchased & enlarged the house on the eastern side of the Common built by Capt. Hosmer. He became very intemperate & insufferable & died in convulsions in prison. An example of an untutored, adventurous, fraudulent, disappointed, miserable man.

19. Many of the Militia Companies were on the field this day & they separated for their respective parades & to fire at targets. The specimens I saw were not very favourable & their firearms were miserable, one whole platoon did not discharge a single gun at the word of command in north fields. This day will be more known from a squabble upon passing between a Militia Company & a Light Infantry Company under Capt. King. The stories are told as parties believe. The Militia shouted. King was not in uniform with his Company. The public mind is in just such a state of irritation as to feel such things, & be convulsed by them. This has been called a Republic[an] Training, as the Republican Officers turned out.

20. I was a witness of a singular event. It was the raising of a privateer upon the same cradle from which she had been launched some months before. By tackles she was brought to the same blocks & the same position. Capt. Larabee dined with me. Tea at the fort with Stearnses, Miss Gyles, Mr. Robinson of Kentucky, Dunlap, ladies, &c.

21. The crew of the Alexander reached Salem. After taking 7

prizes she was caught in the Bay & driven ashore at Wells & then agreed to give up if the men could be parolled, which was done. So this is the second privateer driven ashore. This event is not praised as the result of our courage or conduct, especially as one of the conditions was, that the crew of the Privateer should assist in getting her off & should prevent the firing from the shore as another. All the baggage was surrendered. The Ship they surrendered was one of the best we have employed & will be a future annoyance if employed by able seamen in the service. In her first cruise she took nothing. Only one prize has yet arrived.

23. Sunday. Note. James W. Stearns & wife, death of her Grandfather at Topsfield, Thomas Emerson, æt. 75. One of the richest land holders, & farmers in Essex. He was a son of the Revd. John Emerson who died in 1775, having been nearly half a Century in the ministry. He probably succeeded Mr. Capen, before whom were Mr. Hobert & Gilbert. The great wealth of Thomas Emerson was proverbial, & he was well known by letting Cows for the season to the Inhabitants of Salem. A Sermon was delivered at his funeral by Revd. Mr. Eaton of Boxford. His posterity are rich & respected & so was the Grandfather, excepting the jealousy of his riches. The Selectmen expressed to the family a wish that a sermon might be preached at his funeral. Mr. Spaulding of Salem has left us again another turn. He has published the second part of his Book, in which he attacks Worcester. He may intend that Worcester should help him sell his Book. But Worcester seems to have no fondness for the office, & so the good man must remain unanswered.

The Cat[alogue] of Dr. Eliot's Library by no means answers the expectations formed from it. I have heard of a Supplement. Three times the same Book & edition on the same page has more the skill of a Vendue Master, or a book sale, than of the Librarian who wished fairly to report to the world, the Collection of a Sound Minister. A Supplement of hundreds of Volumes to the Library of a Man who never possessed many hundreds is also another part of the first spirit of Cataloguing for a Vendue. The Oceana of Harrington & the Memoirs of Ludlow deserved regard. I doubt whether Dr. Eliot ever added fifty Volumes to his father's Library, excepting the many pamphlets which were put together. Not a political work is in the whole Collection & not one splendid edition of any Classic. Not a Lexicon of any Language beyond those of the Schools & not a Theological work of the present Generation. No Collation of the Old or New Testament. No Polyglott, No Ecclesiastical History, & no Collection of History. Nothing like system upon any one point in the whole Catalogue, & a total absence appears of the modern Literature of Europe. Not

even a Review has served to notify the progress of Letters in any Kingdom.

24. I went with Mr. Jona. Archer for the first time to see the Cotton Manufactory in Upper Danvers. I passed in going above the present Meeting or Lower on the left & turned in about a mile passing by Kings & so on by the Dishfull & Orne's farm, & then passed the Newbury Port turnpike about one mile, making the whole distance 6 miles from Salem. The Mill is upon a stream, passing from Humphrey's Pond near the Hotel on N. Port Turnpike in Lynnfield through a corner of Danvers into Middleton & joining the Ipswich in Topsfield. A dam is formed with a Conduit under ground. About 2 feet of water were at the head & the water falls upon the wheel about two feet. They say 14 inches of water will carry the works. The Building is of 3 stories & has been lately enlarged. It is upon a rising ground & the water works are in the basement story. The spinning jennies are in the lower story over the water works, & the carding machines & rolling above. Beyond we passed a farm formerly belonging to Mr. W. Corbett of Salem. And after two miles through a wretched country we reached Lynnfield Meeting House. This has been enlarged, & the Minister has built a new square house with brick ends. The amiable Mr. Mottey has a Sister & his only child & daughter with him. We returned in a better road to the Hotel at which we crossed the Turnpike & came by Danvers Charity House & Butt brook upon the old Boston road to Salem. Mr. Mottey informed me that he had seen papers of Dr. John Perkins, the friend of my youth, who resided, during the siege of Boston, at Lynnfield, & died in this place. The paper he recollected was upon Bog & Peat, which Dr. P. believed would form into the real pit coal, or native Carbon. Mr. Mottey has no religious exercises but on Sunday. He thinks more favourably of his predecessor Mr. Adams than anecdotes would lead us to suppose could be just; he says he has been guided by inspection of his manuscript sermons. Mr. Mottey was ordained at Lynnfield on the same day in which I was ordained at Salem.

26. This day was at Nahant, full but not crowded. I went with E. C. & E. B., nieces of Capt. Joseph White. We passed by the beaches. Found the fishermen at Blaney's busy & building more boat houses, so that the shore fishery flourishes here. The business is transferred from Swamscut or Phillip's at the Point to this place as certainly the better place on all accounts. All these roads are now free from bridles. At Nahant we visited all the places noted by strangers & climbed the rocks. From Swallow House we went to the lake, to the Natural Bridge, to the Boston fishing ground, entered through the space between the piled rocks

at its entrance, then round by Shallop cove & the Bason to Breed's. After dinner we returned upon our rout & stopped at Col. Plaisted's, alias Browne, alias Allen's farm on Bartlet's beach. We rode through the farm & upon the beach. At the house we saw the neat apartment filled up by W. Allen's daughter now married to a son of Gov. Strong. Upon our return we stopped at Legge's hill farm with John Prince Esqr. The labour he has bestowed on this spot is excessive. He has dug a path on the side of the hill from Silver hole to the swamp & ditched a part of the swamp. Has planted many trees, & loaded us with some of the best of potatoes. We enjoyed his little house on the spot & travelled round his land & returned to Salem.

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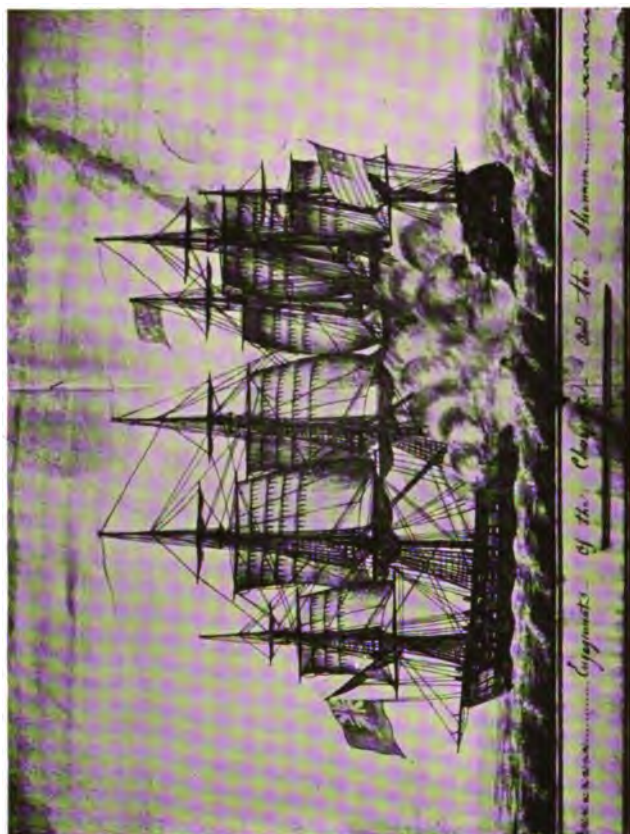
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THE ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN THE CHESAPEAKE AND SHANNON.

From a drawing found in Marblehead and now in possession of the Peabody Museum, Salem.

hearts the Am. Frigate. While on the Crowninshield Wharf I was invited to see a specimen of the Congreve mounted Carronade. The frame of wood, is longer than the Gun, all the works attached to it are of Iron. It is intended to give one man the exercise of the Gun. The iron tracks below are swivelled, two on the hinder part of the frame & two in the center. The Gun is prevented from rising by a groove in which the [stidder?] moved to which are attached the small iron wheels which move on the frame. The breach rests upon a plate of iron & the bolts are within 1-6 of the end of the frame. An iron handle rises from the hinder trunnion to the breech through which a rope passes to prevent the gun from moving sideways, while a key through an iron plate at the gun port & through the frame keep the carriage at the proper distance. The Patent says under the Key's arm on a plate, Colonel Congreve, Patent Cannonade Carriage. Jersey foundry, Liverpool. The mouth of the gun has no swell or tip, trunnions at the breech & about the middle of the gun. Perhaps the mouth free to enter the smallest space through which it can be discharged.

3. As a fact the capture of the Chesapeake by the Shannon is admitted, but no one has as yet the history of this event. It is said an explosion was observed on her deck, but nothing circumstantial is known. This long uncertainty has exquisite pain, as [we] were assembled to see a fight at sea, the issue of which was hardly in doubt. Every man has his tale, & all believe some extraordinary means for this sudden event.

4. We have news that our ships lately from New York, which passed down the Sound, found the enemy in too great force, & returned to New London. It is said the British ships of superior force had followed them to that place & had determined at any hazard to gain them. The Squadron of Am. Ships is under Commodore Decatur & sailed from New York on May 25. It consists of the United States, the Macedonian & Hornet sloop of war. The hostile perseverance of the enemy has obliged the people of Connecticut to appear under arms & we are expecting with just solicitude the event.

5. On our Atlantic coast preparations are made. Col. Amos Hovey is Major General of the 2d Division Mass. This man came to Salem at the peace, a Shoemaker from Boxford, having been in the army & in our privateers. He soon left his occupation & was a trader. Married a young woman from Liverpool, Nova Scotia, & engaged warmly against the Government. By his speeches he never gained much reputation, but being ready to accept such honours as were not always welcome to the ambition of his party, he became an object in their purposes. He rose to the Command

of the Artillery Company, of which he was the first Lieut. under Major Buffington & has since been Colonel of Artillery. He never could gain a popular promotion & the friends of the Administration opposed his election at the last session. He has been very busy in vacating offices for his own advancement, by opposing the men who were chosen by the friends of the General Government, & has at length succeeded & gained the object of his ambition. Not negligent of his person, he has had no opportunities to inform his mind, which is not of the first cast. He cannot comprehend the duties of his office, or give the necessary instructions at this moment when military talents are required. But he can be led & that is required.

6. Sunday. Notes. Mark Servi, called Maservey and daughter, d. of his wife. Susan Lapature, d. of her child. Husband at sea. The sale of Pews in St. Peter's Church did not answer expectations. No persons did appear who were not already seen upon their seats. The property is still in the hands of those who have contributed to support that Church already. We are told Judge S. has given his name to be the patron of this association.

7. The Grand Turk has reached this Port. In the bay a Sandy Bay man* came on board supposing her English & offered her a pilot, provisions & any information. This fact is settled beyond contradiction, & the belief obtains that this is no uncommon practice. It has been detected at New London, New York, in the Delaware & Chesapeake bays. This kind of work may be licensed in the little folks, when Governours & Courts speak treason. The licentiousness of Tongues is without a check.

11. By Cartel from Halifax we have the crew of the Diomede, a rich Indian ship belonging to John Crowninshield, Merchant of Salem, carried to Halifax. The E. H. of the Montgomery has returned, passing as a Surgeon. They refused to exchange Capt. Strout for his son taken on the Diomede. Strout commanded the Priv[ateer] Montgomery. No news of the Chesapeake had reached Halifax when the prisoners left it.

14. Ever since the War the Liverpool Packet, a Privateer from Nova Scotia, has distressed our Coasting trade. She is now a prize in Portsmouth, N. H. She was found with an American pilot from York, Maine, who is in close Custody. The pilot like the Squam man named last Monday, had volunteered his services. The lenity shewn to such offenders has emboldened them, if the jealousy of parties can be called lenity, for hanging is no secret wish in our Country at the present day, tho' we have so little of it. Our friends who have seen the Inv[incible] Nap[oleon], prize at Portland, do not think her equal to the Alexander. The frost

*Sandy Bay, Gloucester.

fish, because we have it in the Charles in winter, but here tom cod, as we have it in summer, is now with us in unusual plenty.

17. The notice of the Chesapeake is most unfavourable, all say the loss great. At the same moment the news comes that Gen. Chandler & Wilder had been surprised in their camp in Upper Canada & there was great danger that all our labour in that country had been lost. It is a real crisis, & the news is at the point that makes it so to our expectations most truly. We had on this memorable day of 17 June, of the battle of Bunker Hill, a partial military exhibition. The prevailing party do not chuse to work up our feelings too much on such days. We had two militia Companies on the parade & the Mechanic Light Infantry were on the neck firing at a target. Only sixteen of their men appeared. The firing did not discover much exercise in sharp shooting, nor did it prove the excellent state of their muskquetry.

18. We had the British account of the capture of the Chesapeake. Capt. Lawrence is dead & was buried honourably at Halifax. The slaughter was great on our side, comparatively small on their own. Our officers chiefly killed or wounded. The Shannon's first Lt. killed & Capt. slightly wounded. Of the circumstances *audi alteram partem*. The action 11 minutes. No notice is taken of the reported explosion or of any artifice on the occasion.

20. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Moses & wife, d. of youngest child. Christiana Waters, d. of her g. Child Moses.

22. This day I enter on my 55 year. I am still 34 years behind my father & 11 behind my mother at her death. But the greater part of the children are gone before me. Two brothers & two sisters younger are with me. Dawes' son came to me on Saturday evening & I lodged him at Mrs. Ropes'. He disappeared early next morning. He came without leave from Boston. We had a prize of the America in to port yesterday. A brig with wine & salt. An Irish man palmed himself upon me yesterday for a native of Providence & I could not have courage to shake him off. His dialect, his manners, his tales all spoke for him & I dared not to contradict him. This consent to be imposed upon vouches for my feelings but for nothing else.

24. Last Saturday night the shop of Mr. James Dalrymple, watchmaker, corner of Essex & Washington street, Rhust's building, was broken open. Such thefts are rare in this place. Suspicion fastened upon a man who frequented the cellar below. At his lodgings the greater part of the things were found & a dozen watches, &c. recovered. The man's name was Woodward of Boston & of good family but of bad habits. He is committed to Ipswich goal for trial for his offence. In company this evening at Dr.

Stearns with Judge Dana, Mr. Odiorne of Salisbury, Capt. Treadwell & several ladies & gentlemen of the town.

25. The fate of the Chesapeake settled. It appears the Capt. killed, the Vessel soon fell into the hands of the enemy. No great disproportion in the loss & nothing derogatory of Am. courage. The Flag was hoisted by the English after the engagement took down the Am. flag. Our loss serious but the first Lt. of the Shannon killed & Capt. Broke dang. wounded. Hay cut in ferry lane on Bridge street. First I have seen, a noble crop.

28. We had a thunder storm with two severe claps. One struck a Mast & shivered it in South River at the wharves. The other benumbed a person sitting at a window with his arm out of it but without other damage. We had only the edge of the Cloud, the distant thunder being on the ocean S. E. of us.

29. Report of a successful experiment in blowing up a Vessel, sent in the form of a Packet in sight of the British ships. The Vessel was deserted by the men & blown up after the English had taken possession.

30. A body of troops from Maine passed through Salem on their way to the northward this day. One hundred of them are destined to take the place of the soldiers of 4 Reg. that are upon duty in the garrisons of Essex, Marblehead, Cape Ann, Newburyport & Salem.

July 1, 1813. Having proposed an invitation to Rev. Mr. Stevens of Stoneham to assist in the devotional exercises of anniversary of Nat. Independence, for his good services in representing in the Court & pulpit & press, the evil of Impressment & was appointed to wait upon him. With my pupil H. C. at 9 A. M. I left Salem, stopped at Lynnfield Hotel, visited Humphrey's pond, then passed by the fulling mills & turned towards Reading First Meeting, S. of the Pond 10 miles, 5 from the Hotel. Then in 2 miles, turning to the left soon after leaving the Reading Pond, I reached Mr. Stevens in the same house in which I had before visited Mr. Searle in 1774. Finding near this house the New Turnpike to Andover & the Mile Stone marked 8 miles to Boston & 10 to Andover. After delivery of my Message & its acceptance, I passed on to the turnpike to Andover to Col. Parker's at Reading, West Parish, near the Meeting House, 2 miles & in this Inn I dined. The dinner was made of good meats but poorly served. Here I found many persons & among them some of my friends who were patients to a Dr. Phelps called the Sweating Doctor. He has as much fame as Perkins' points & actually attempts to sweat for all diseases. He is sweating a parishioner of mine for a Cancer. His friends speak highly of his skill, & most proudly of his success. He was away & I did not see him & can

vouch neither for talents nor success. The physicians as usual have their objections, but it is said he has received a public education, is a Chymist, & is even preparing a work for the press. He certainly does, as the phrase is, make a great noise & receive many applications. After dinner I proceeded to Andover but found the milestones were measured from the bounds of the town & not from the centre, so that to the north parish I rode 15 & not 10 miles. It was assured that in this route I nowhere touched Wilmington, but was in Reading from leaving Stoneham till I reached Andover. This agrees with the map, but the map does not give me the West Meeting of Reading, upon a line terminating southerly of the Andover S. Meeting, but the map leaves the Reading South & North Meeting E. of this turnpike as in fact. Upon this new course we pass no old settlements & through a poor country. We ascend the hill to the buildings of the Andover Theological Institution & beyond we refreshed ourselves at Ames' tavern, the woman being a Clarke & the mother having been much in the family in which I reside in Salem. Here we saw our friends we are to visit in North Andover. We then passed $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles N. of North Meeting House, visited Mrs. Hodges' family at Mr. Farnum's & walked down to Andover Pond. Some give to this beautiful sheet of water a circumference of 7 miles. I considered it in gross numbers as having 400 acres of surface, Reading 300 & Humphries 200. All larger than Middleton pond, which is above 100, which we had visited before & saw again upon our return. Next to Mr. Farnum's, upon our return southerly, is Mr. Johnson's at whose house was Hon. B. Crowninshield's family soon to return to Salem. I returned to the public house $\frac{1}{4}$ mile S. of the North Meeting house to my old friend Capt. Parker & lodged with him, as the other houses were crowded by female visitants.

2. In the morning early I received my companion & we returned by the Salem Turnpike, which we reached a mile below Parker's passing at the foot of Frye's hill & turning to the right near Capt. Carlton's. On this turnpike we met not a single person & but few on the other turnpike. The tolls were 10 & 5 cents. On the other, 12 cents after entering Andover. We reached Salem after 8 A. M. less pleased with our horse than with anything else on the journey. As the turnpikes carry us away from all the settlements & are through uncultivated tracts they are less interesting. We stopped & relieved our horse at Easties in Middleton. This is the only part in which the old & new roads are the same. It was so at West Reading or Wood End at the Meeting house. We had a long account of the Institute from Mr. Ames of Bath, Maine, who belonged to Andover. In the dispute respecting the right of the members to vote in Andover, a question had interested this Magistrate.

3. At home we find too many disposed to triumph at every evil which befalls our troops. But the pride of our country when affronted will not slumber. We have reports from Virginia of the operations of the Enemy at Hampton & of the destruction of that place. Desolation is in the plan of the enemy. The troops which passed last Wednesday were about 400 men belonging to Col. Lane's regiment, enlisted in Maine for one year's service. One company is to be stationed in the garrisons of this County, the other part marched to Boston on Thursday. The action at Craney Island gave us some French prisoners, who had engaged as they say in the English service to avoid the sufferings of their prisons. The truth is seduced from their allegiance by the English. Capt. Sinclair, appointed to command the General Dike at Sacket, was arrested when going to his command under plea of an unlawful capture when in the U. S. service.

4. Sunday. The day of our Independence & it naturally directed our attention to the connection between Patriotism & Devotion. Mr. Spaulding upon his return from New York tells us that Mr. Spring maintains a prudence which will be safe to him. He describes the son better informed than the father at Newburyport & as having less ferocity of manner. The father proposed to his friends to turn the 4 of July into a day of fasting & prayer. We may easily conceive he is a fit preacher of sovereign decrees & of giving no account of the matter.

5. We had our celebration. Everything appeared better than it was. At the dinner we found what was the Story party, & many would not be present from their jealousies. But to the world everything was fair & it was agreed that things would admit a very favourable description. The Military officers dined at the Hotel in Lynnfield. The Orator & Story friends dined at the Hotel at Lynn Spring. Other parties disposed of themselves in other places. It was a fine day & ended in great good humour.

6. A notice from my good friend Morgan at Halifax discovers that the enemy are preparing to make an entire end of our little navy & he begs me to give proper notice to whom it may concern. He believes that New London will be sacrificed, & orders have been given to get the Hospitals ready for the wounded which may be sent. A Letter was dropped from Rowland to Head, with such orders, said accidentally. The investiture of Norfolk & the capture of Hampton on account of the Chesapeake is entirely in the spirit of this information. Yesterday the Company under Capt. Larabee, Lt. Grenough and Ens. Ranney left us to join their regiment, the 4th, in the North. We had become much attached to these worthy men, especially to the brave Capt. Larabee.

8. Yesterday was with a number of persons at Capt. C's at the Endicott farm. We visited the Endicott hill, on its two greatest

heights, & the old & memorable pear tree & the spring west of the present Mansion house of Capt. Endicott. We were told of an ever running spring, but we discovered nothing of that description, but we could easily enter the low grounds to finish our search. Between two rocks we found a spring of water of the utmost purity. We spent the evening very hospitably received & returned not displeased with our recreations. In going to the spring we departed southerly from the road to the brickkilns.

10. The weather has been quite hot for some days. I never before saw my Barometer at 29.2. The Thermometer in doors near an open window yesterday morning at sunrise 83.

11. Sunday. A very fine Sunday. Great care to be taken of the Singing. Especially as there is a rivalry begun upon this subject in other societies & humble arts obtain to seize the young minds we are obliged to employ. It is insinuated anew that Worcester at the Tabernacle complains that his health will not allow, as he fears, his long continuance in the pulpit. As he had offers at Dartmouth College, it is supposed he may have some offers in some Theological Institution. Mr. Dow has been named as a fit colleague in the Old Church, not with the least thought of such an appointment, but as an expedient to assist him in a new establishment. The progress of political religion has been uncommonly rapid in my times. We have improved in this way, if we have not advanced in any other.

12. As Pr[esident] Adams recommended an attention to the articles of Naval History to be found at Salem, I sent him minutes from Gen. Fiske's Journal while he was in the Naval Service, with the sermon on his death, to prove the high value of the Naval officers of our revolution.

13. Mr. Stephen White is appointed Capt. of Cadets, & J. G. Sprague, aid to Maj.-Gen. Amos Hovey of the Militia. This a singular arrangement when we consider the standing & talents of the General, but we do not consider this as accidental. There is more purpose in some heads than in others. Capt. S. White is in the proper line of promotion. His brother Joseph has commanded the Horse. The concurrence of things in certain relations is the cause of any speculation upon the subject. This day King's Company was out. We hear a whisper that King is to be promoted, probably in the Salem Regiment. He has manœuvred strangely lately, as if something was to happen.

15. Was with H. C. & Misses Brown & Hill at Esqr. Prince's House at the foot of Legge's Hill south side.

16. The Privateer Sloop Wasp of this Port, Capt. E. A. Ervin commander, has done honour to the bravery of her commander & it has been acknowledged by the enemy who took her.

18. Sunday. Mr. Dow lately dismissed from upper Beverly

upon complaint of salary, the parish not making the usual additions & some offence having been given by discourses against the general administration, has taken a house in the western part of Salem. Mr. Henshaw has returned to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Marblehead. This has not a good effect upon the liberality encouraged by the former Pastor, & embarrasses the good designs of Mr. Bartlet who has a wish to check the fanaticism which has lately had many aids from the state of Marblehead. In securing the services of a schoolmaster in Salem, in a preparatory school, a majority obtained to continue a salary exceeding a thousand dollars, when no Minister has an equal sum. The increase of salaries has not however been considered as a duty so much as a political step towards a change in our national habits & government. What the event may be is yet to be seen, but by large annual allowances the expectations of ministers & schoolmasters have been raised & very serious evils have arisen from the public jealousy, which has been able to employ their negative upon such grants, in many of our settlements, with no small disquiet to the persons to whom they have been refused. The salaries having been stipulated upon small sums, the operation of these grants may be extensively felt, & in many places the fear operates powerfully against the licentiousness which more secure livings were designed to encourage and an active part & constant remonstrance against the government.

20. Letter to Pr. Madison on the subject of Capt. Lawrence's body.

Salem, Mass., U. S. A., July 20, 1813.

To the President of the U. S., Sir,

At the request of my friend Capt. George Crowninshield, the son, I have presumed to inform the P[resident] of the U. S. of his earnest wishes to remove the body of Capt. Lawrence of the Chesapeake into the territory of the United States. He has applied for a Cartel, encouraged by a letter to the department of war, from Capt. Bainbridge on 2 July & by the answer of Mr. Jones on 10 instant. He proposes to do the whole at his own expence & in his own Vessel, of which he will send on the description through the Custom house of Salem & he proposes to navigate her upon the errand by only masters of vessels. He is a man of the best naval experience & enterprise, & a man of wealth, & has many public testimonies of his humane energies, & he is a man of inflexible & most active patriotism, & among the best friends of our administration. The body is to be lodged in the family tomb till further orders. We have in Salem the honour of erecting the first monument to a departed patriot, Gov. Bradstreet in 1698, æt. 96, & history has not forgotten to record it. Give our patriots the honour of entombing our first departed naval Hero. In our re-

quest we desire nothing which cannot be justified by honourable precedent. When Sr. William Berkeley Vice Adm's Ship was taken by the Dutch, & he found dead in his Cabin, while at war, K[ing] C[harles] II sent for the body, which was granted by the States & the first disposition for an honourable peace attended this ceremony. The body of a brave man, who has a monument with the Great, who died a victim to British Secret service in our revolution was not refused, & a savage who followed the camp of Burgoyne was buried in the western part of Mass. in the form his mother directed & his bones remained undisturbed, till she returned to purify & remove them.

Permit me Sir, the exalted pleasure once more of declaring my unfeigned affection & highest reverence of the father & friend of my Country & believe me with fidelity & the utmost respect, &c
W. B.

22. My turn to preach in the Charity House. The attendance was serious, the subjects well clad & no strangers suffered to be present. The present state of Commerce has not yet multiplied the subjects of the House. Indeed we may say that hardly any persons are here, however infirm, whose habits have not brought them into it, rather than their infirmities. Few are suffered to leave it & few who do not return from the exact care taken of their comfort, tho' no system of seperation has been adopted, & the general opinion is that no difference here can justify the expence. I preached on the strength of principle as the weakness of temptation, indifference, levity, neglect, the way of evil. I dined & supped this day at Mr. Joshua Ward's with his mother in law Hall of Boston, whose home was always open to the young clergy of my day.

23. Mr. Gleason the lecturer on Geography & occasional Univ. Preacher with me this day, as was also my old friend Judge Winthrop from Cambridge. Judge Winthrop has added to his rich Library, the French Encyclopedia, & he had collected a most valuable Library in general Literature. He mentioned having lately seen the remains of Dr. Mayhew's Library much of which he purchased.

25. Sunday. Note. Lydia Ward & her family, d. of their grandmother, & prayers for her husband & brothers absent. This g. m. was Louisa, wife of James Newhall Esqr. of Lynn, æt. 70. He died about 10 years ago. I learn from Mr. Gleason that G. Richards who left the Univ. Ch. in Portsmouth for Philadelphia, soon engaged in a controversy with part of his charge as G. said from a dispute about the Bass Viol which he wished to introduce into the music. This was the plea & a seperation ensued. G. preached for him repeatedly after he left his house of worship with his seceders. He had preached since in the school houses & court

house, but was lately quite in a state of derangement. G. is engaged like G. R. in various projects. Besides his occasional preaching & school keeping he is on his travels to obtain Geography in a new manner & to make maps from given places, &c. Domestic religious occurrences as they might be called by some men. A party in the Tabernacle first influenced by political prejudices it is said, have claimed to meet with the Close Communion Baptists. Worcester deemed it contrary to the articles of the Church, but these members persevere in their new associations & assist at prayer & other meetings. Worcester to counteract has begun a new order of meeting. At the first bell the young people are to meet for conferences, not in a manner much unlike the Methodists. A Mr. Shepard has been accepted at the Close Communion of Baptists holding a right to commune with churches not of that denomination. The Free Willers by Rand have considerable progress having immersed about 20 in a short time & one this morning. The Sects begin to lose their steadfastness. Mr. Spaulding at the Branch has come at last after several departures to the proposition of a dismission from what remains of his charge in Salem. It then becomes doubtful what will be done with the New House, or whether it will be delivered over by Mr. S. to a Presbytery. The Catholics are quite still about their intended purchases & buildings. Dr. Obrian says little indeed. The Methodists keep in the South fields & are without any system yet.

26. Last Saturday night had a fire in Williams street. This is the fourth cabinet maker's shop burnt in the same neighbourhood since I have been in Salem. Williams was connected with Adams, who was concerned in them all. An uncommonly calm moment allowed the inhabitants to save a building in flames which was surrounded with wooden buildings almost in contact with it. The opening of the doors spread the flames before the inhabitants could arrive. It was bet[ween] 10 & 11 o'clock.

28. The loss of the Anconda Privateer cut out at Ocracock in N. C. is a great one as she was an excellent Vessel as well as a successful one & she was partly owned in Salem. Her last cruise was among the best. The America from this port has not returned with her first glory. The man who had command soon arrested his officers, ruined the cruise & has escaped the enemy into Bath. Capt. H. Prince, whose son was arrested, is gone down as agent for the Ship.

29. The fate of the Anaconda at Ocracock, a valuable privateer cut out from that inlet in N. C., has obliged greater caution in the north. The America belonging to this port would not risk itself in Bath & has ascended the Kennebec to Hallowell. A singular adventure in my profession. Having a Sexton from a fanatical Society for his sobriety forgetting that fanaticism was

hypocrisy, I found myself often introduced by him to unknown places, & always with a testimony that the ground was given up to me with a hint that I was under obligation to him, as far as he dared. This novel manner, having had thirty years a faithful sexton without any management, interested me but I suffered it to proceed. This day I was called out of my way to a family, part of which by marriage had been led to another Communion. This delayed my attendance at the second place of my sexton's acquaintance but the time was fixed. Upon my coming, before the time fixed, I found that my absence was deemed delay & an illiterate vagabond was substituted in my place. My sexton had the civility to ask me in but I declined the invitation. Our family impute it to his general ignorance, but the Sexton reproved him for neglect of duty. I look upon it as a little portion of his inner feelings, because he could not go to the first place.

30. Had an opportunity to go to the Islands around Salem in the Revenue Boat. Capt. G. Hodges & J. Chever accompanied me. Capt. Jeffreys & Brown boatmen. Capt. G. H.'s dau. & J. C.'s son, & my Hanna. We reached the Light House about 9 a. m. & I with the two girls landed, & the boat went out to fish. We dined at the Light House & after dinner proceeded to the Misery. Visited about at the bar of the two Miseries, which is held by a son of Esq. Saunders & some young seamen for the fishery, during the present interruption of commerce. We travelled over the Island. Visited the well of this Island, from which we received some excellent water. A few horses & cows are upon the Island & a very few sheep, the grass like that of this season the best known. We found on Baker's Island a few horses & sheep. Every part of the Island would reward the person who mowed it. We passed near Eagle Island upon our return, & found the herbage has covered all the northern bank which formerly was like a bluff & without verdure from the top to the bottom. The prejudice that persons have been poisoned has left all the undergrowth in a state of nature. We returned about 5 P. M. quicken[ed] by the appearance of gust which we escaped. Upon our return to the Crowninshield's Wharf we were introduced into the Cabin of the Liverpool Packet ship, detained as an English licensed vessel & brought into this port. I had never seen greater elegance in such a form. The state rooms & lodging places were disposed handsomely & the pannel work beautifully painted, said at Boston, at a distance resembling landscape painting, but shaded only in a rich manner. The elegant stove, lamps, ornaments, had all their merit, but the paintings were the best & with the better effort, rich without show, & proud without glare. For the first time I saw the inner knees between decks, of iron. They save much room. The officer of the ship said they are safe enough when within sight, but iron cannot be

trusted out of sight in a vessel. Snodgrass had prepossessed me in favour of iron by argument. This specimen by convenience. The Englishmen confessed no English painters could equal the painting, but he was to prove his ship American. At Baker's Island it was believed that the point of the beach on its southerly part increased.

August 1, 1813. Sunday. Notes. Israel Ward & wife, d. of his Brother Nath. at Kennebunk, pr. for Brother Plant at sea. His Brother several years from Salem. Catharine Hill, d. of her daughter, Husband & son absent. D. Catherine, æt. 16. Gamaliel H. Ward & wife, her safe delivery, & both appeared with Child at Baptism. Most of the political Religionists have been after a General Fast & the General Government have consented to recommend it to the President who has issued his proclamation for the 2d Thursday of September. The Proclamation not being delivered to each Clergyman as in the State, it becomes an apology for not reading it in the public assemblies with those who wish to be excused. It is exactly what it should be. I trust it will prevent much of the licentiousness which has been notorious on such solemnities, & has prostituted them. In Lynn they have chosen Mr. Hurd as a Successor to Mr. Thacher lately dismissed. Mr. Hurd is son of a rich Merchant in Charlestown not 10 miles from Lynn. He has accepted & will be ordained this season. He will be the fourth Minister since my day. Mr. Treadwell, Parsons, & Thacher were successively dismissed. Treadwell was haughty, Parsons open, Thacher yielding, but all unsuccessful. Gov. Winthrop said that as early as 1635 Saugus or Lynn had a quarrel with Mr. Batchelder & the evil grew at last till a General Fast was called. In 1636 Mr. Whiting is denounced & hardly got in as Gov. W. tells. C. Mather tells their cattle were cursed for their conduct in suffering Mr. Cabot to leave them in 1656. Mr. Henchman in our day had a hard time as we are told.

2. I went to Boston to see my Father, indisposed, now in his 88th year. As he had the education of all the children but of myself I wish he had done better as his abilities were equal to a greater care of their instruction since by neglect they have taken the humbler walks of life, when their capacity would carry them higher. By my nephew I was carried to the New Court House on the spot on which I once lived while it was reserved as a house for the school masters. I found the principal officers here, & the place for the Supreme Jud. Court better arranged than anything I had ever seen. Other Courts meet here & the old Court house is fitting up for the United States Courts. In the Boston Atheneum I saw much to engage me from that very valuable & judicious collection. But it was rather a feast to the eyes than mind & a recollection what meat was on the shelf rather than a taste of it. In the evening Stage I returned to Salem.

3. The most interesting conversation is upon the Vessels licenced by the English. A small privateer from Salem had taken another & a party from Boston went out & rescued her. All were detained under the guns of Fort Independence below Boston, & the outrage is submitted to the Laws. A Dr. Hemmenway & a H. White are the owners of the Privateer & a Coolidge the man with whom they have had to contend. Some of our citizens have been roughly handled in Boston for calling it piracy.

5. I was not at the Sermon of the Female Asylum yesterday for four reasons. The Service was an appropriate one & after a long dispute respecting Baptism involved some accountability, & I had not been consulted about it. The Preacher had been a long time in the neighbourhood & had not called upon me. The place was the one exclusively for all invectives against the administration of the Government. And the private Association I had generally avoided, even such as I once visited, because every art had been employed with great success to render them subservient to an interest I shun. In these circumstances I tarried at home, neither blaming those who went, nor enquiring for those who did not. The man who leads in such things has the most happy talent of refuting his own errors in his projects.

6. Saw some pleasing specimens of ingenuity from our seamen confined in Barbadoes. The view of the Ship John by Mr. Carnes of Salem deserves the elements of a fine taste, & his carving on the Cocoa Nut was deserving of high praise. A view of the Bison for another untutored youth was good. The surrounding objects did not assist the effect. Capt. James Fairfield gave me some specimens from the Monserrat volcano which has lately alarmed its neighbourhood in the West Indies. Application to assist in honouring the memory of Lawrence should the Cartel now authorised by the President recover the body from Halifax.

8. Sunday. Notes. Benjamin Kitteredge & wife, d. of his Father & pr. for his Brother dang. sick. His Father was a Son of the celebrated Kitteredge of Andover. A most eminent self taught Surgeon, remarkable for his cures throughout New England & to some of them I have been a witness. His high reputation gave a celebrity to the name so that in all difficult surgical cases some person of the family name has been mentioned, & in very many cases consulted. It has been a common language, send for Kitteredge. The father of the practicer of physic in this note settled at Brookfield & has had his full share of reputation. He possessed a good fame & rode a wide circuit in the Country. His great muscular strength & ability for endless fatigue in his more active life, induced too much of the stimulating system in his advanced years with evident injury to his powers & usefulness but he was not totally lost. The shaking which denoted a para-

lytic habit continued for two years & then settled in a hemiplegia & the second violent attack finished him in an apoplexy. The third generation now on the stage have added to their education the advantages from our public institutes, but the name has not its former distinction, probably for two causes, from their conformity to the usual practice, trusting little to native genius & to the very improved state of medical science. Till lately there was as much mysticism & faith in the curing of the diseases of the body & mind. We must still confess that the strength of natural genius recording & regarding its own minute observations has given to some men an extraordinary acumen & success. And this was true emphatically of the old Kitteridge & not untrue in an eminent degree, in some of his posterity. We have two of the name in Salem & one near us in Beverly. The best educated & highest in reputation still lives in splendour in Andover.

Jesse Richardson & children, death of youngest Child Charles, suddenly. Eunice Richardson, d of her G. child. This Child was scalded dreadfully by one of the neighbours who threw out boiling water from a window into a yard without looking to see what person or thing was in this open space before the house. The water passed from the right shoulder down the side. The agony of the child seemed to be great, but on the next [day] the Father went to Boston without apprehensions of danger. The best medical aid was called, but whether from mistaken application, or any internal cause, a fine healthy boy of two years died in less than two days. The unhappy woman suffered much from her indiscretion & neither to her temper or bad habits, but her inattention, was the cause attributed. I never saw the natural vigour diminished in the struggles of death. Jacob Kitteredge who died last week at Brookfield, was in his 65th year. He had been at Brookfield 40 years, & married from Chelmsford. He died possessed of a good farm in Brookfield & another in Tewkesbury. He was confined two days after his attack, but remained speechless, & lost to his friends. On Friday last I had an invitation from the C. of Arrangements for Capt. Lawrence's funeral "to perform divine service on the occasion." B. W. Crowninshield, Joseph Ropes, Stephen White, Henry Prince. I gave a conditional answer, my heart said, No. It had been before agreed to give the Eulogy to Story of another Communion, a Deserter from my own, perfidious to our Association & double-minded in his fellowship.

9. We had a thunder shower more severe towards the Merri-mac. A Woman was killed at Newbury & a barn burnt in Rowley. No damage here. This night died Major General Stephen Abbot. He was from Andover & came to Salem & served an apprenticeship to Capt. Breton as a Hatter. In the revolution went into the war & was a Captain. After the war kept a little shop in Church

Street, which soon became a Grocery & from which he acquired a very handsome estate. He was the first Captain of our Cadet company which then was the only uniform Company in Salem. Elected 6 Dec., 1786 & resigned May 9, 1788. He then rose in all the grades of the Militia & long since resigned. He was very corpulent & very severely afflicted by the gout, which in the event put an end to his life, æt. 64. He was of an easy temper, firm but not very active. He held many town offices with great integrity, but was much loved in his office of Overseer of the Poor (22 years). This office he held many years with the hearty consent of all parties. He was long a Treasurer to the Essex Lodge when it was visited by primitive men & he assisted to give it a character, than which a better no lodge ever deserved. He worshipped with the Ch. of England to which his mother belonged, but he was no Churchman in his feelings, yet a man to be regarded in every community to which he might belong. His apartments were long used for the Essex Lodge & his own Fire Club, to which I belonged with him. It was a less splendid, but not a less happy place than that which both associations now visit. The General has long since retired from business. His second wife survives him & three daughters, of whom two have married Quakers, & the other a Sneathen who holds his place of business. He will not be much remembered in his family, but his friends were sincere & his services unwearied, wherever his convictions of his duty led him. He loved all social institutions & took an exemplary part in them. Gen. Abbott was a good parade Officer. Tho' he had been in the service he had been in no memorable action. After 1788 he became Col. of Salem Regiment & became Brigadier General in 1793, & then Major General in 1796, & he resigned his military service in 1801. He was the first person who gave military order to the infantry, as Buffington, another Continental Officer, did to the Artillery. He was noticed till his death by our military gentlemen for his suavity of manner & soldierly like deportment.

10. Capt. G. Crowninshield sailed on Saturday last, 7 instant, upon the errand of obtaining the body of Lawrence of the Chesapeake. All the persons in his vessel had been Commanders in the merchant marine service. All contemplating what arrangements should be made for the occasion. The Opposition of Boston have spent their satire upon the subject, & the late attempts to stop the licenced vessels of Britain have occasioned the bitterness of invectives against Salem from that headquarters of sedition. Their Russian Deliverer of Europe is often mentioned to these proud sons of discord.

11. Gen Abbot buried. Marine Society & Masons preceeded the corpse. Rev. Henshaw of Marblehead read the service. The masonic or other service was used on the occasion besides. The

Gen. buried in St. Peter's Church yard, in a brick grave, as was his first wife. In Northfields supped with barley cakes made of barley which grew this year in the fields. Last evening arrived Privateer Polly, 35 days out. Took eight prizes, ransomed one & gave one to Prisoners.

12. Settling the ceremony of chaplaincy it is found from Commodore Bainbridge that Lawrence was of the Communion of Church of England. I profitted accordingly & had the service taken into the Committee again. We hear of many arrangements that everything be done with proper splendour. I do not find myself clear yet, with my most serious efforts & friends.

13. Applied to again & wrote a letter to Revd. Asa Eaton who is Rector of Christ's Church in Boston & Chaplain of the Grand Lodge. So little are stray horses & cattle known that the pound keeper did not know his duty after a night's keeping. This is much in our favour as to our inclosures.

14. Boston has been free in its invectives against Salem for cutting up the illicit trade of Boston. Salem has persisted in putting the strongest guards against the success of the smuggling & other illicit practices of Boston.

15. Sunday. Note. Wid. Eliz. Phippen & children, d. of her Son Ebenezer, æt. 36, unmarried. She has not been very happy in her sons, or her daughters. Her husband Eb. was son of Deacon David P. & served at the [Communion] table since I came to Salem. This son was an apprentice to Jen. Smith & a journey man to him many years. We have lost another minister in Essex, Ebenezer Dutch of Bradford, died Aug. 5, 1813. He came late into life, studied at home he told me not a year, spent about a year at Providence & in a year was ordained at Bradford, died æt. 62. He came to Bradford in 1780 & was Colleague to one of the most deserving men in America, Revd. William Balch who died in a very advanced age, blind, in 1792, preeminent. Mr. Parker tells me Dutch ruined himself by speculations in lands in which he suffered the most gross impositions not from his own simplicity. This is the man who wished to cast the blame of a birth soon after marriage on his wife & when reproved by Revd. Shaw of Haverhill, replied he did not think so little could do it.

In noticing monuments to prepare the public mind for the funeral of Lawrence, I observed our Governour's lodge together at Boston. Winthrop & his Son, Gov. of Conn, Endicott, Bellingham. I remember the search for the time of his death on the tomb, respecting Chelsea Lands, our last old Charter Gov. Bradstreet died at Salem in his 95 year. Neal says "He died at Salem in 95 y. of his Age & was interred with as much solemnity as a man of his merits deserved." The Citizens built the tomb, ordered an Inscription, went to the highest expenses of the times. The

tomb remains & with him are lodged the Old Ministers, etc., till the tomb was shamefully sold. I know no monument so old in the British Colonies in America erected for a Governour as 1698. The intended funeral of Capt. Lawrence has furnished a variety of incidents. For a minister, Mr. B[entley] was invited, but it has been since found that L[awrence] was an Episcopalian. Mr. B. has written to an Ep. Clergyman but has received no answer. The wish to please all parties has had its effects. Mr. B[entley]'s house was too small. Mr. S[paulding]'s house was asked & accepted, but it has no Organ. The North Ch. has been asked for the Organ, but the Committee had no right without a meeting & some scruples have been made. The B. Gazette has asked whether a house ought to be granted to encourage an unlawful & wicked war. The first Boston attack was on the score of reviling the persons going for the body & this was followed up in Salem. Do not all men deserve the same disappointments who wish to serve two masters?

17. Mr. St. White is to take from my hands the invitation of the Clergymen of the Ep. Communion for the solemnities of L's interment. I wish to give up the job of these religious perquisite men as I have no money to spare. Capt. Joseph Ropes who commanded the America on her first voyage is generally thought of as the Captain for our sea fensibles. He was the Capt. elect of the volunteers who petitioned for a Commission to the State Gov. but disbanded when it was proposed to put them under M. Gen. A. Hovey of the Militia. They had leave when they refused this condition to withdraw their petition.

18. Just before sun down arrived the Cartel from Halifax with the bodies of Lawrence & Ludlow. As soon as the Brig was at anchor below C's wharf she fired minute guns with colours half mast. The Committee was in meeting in the evening.

19. Letter to P. Madison. Sir, I have the satisfaction to assure the President that Capt. George Crowninshield, the son, sailed from Salem Aug. 7 & returned from Halifax on Wednesday Aug. 19 with the bodies of Capt. Lawrence & Lt. Ludlow. He reports that he had every thing agreeably to his wishes, & found that everything had been done at the interment of these brave men, that had ever been done in that Colony. The American agent took charge of all services on shore & the Am. Prisoners of Salem, were present at the removal from the graves to the cartel. Mr. C. discharged every due before he left Halifax. The British thought such zeal in private Citizens promised everything to our States. We are in full preparation for every funeral honour, & the event shall be reported. The few, who like Milton's Devils "With darkness durst affront the light—are lost in loss itself." It is proposed to have our solemnities on Monday Aug. 23. The bodies

are closed from inspection, & remain in the Cartel, afloat & at anchor in the harbour. Mr. C. has had an affectionate Letter from the brother of Capt. Lawrence. With highest respect, your devoted Servant.

20. Sent a letter from Capt. Stanley to the Sec. of State relative to his exchange. This letter had been lodged sometime & the reason for the direction was the uncertainty at the time of the manner in which it ought to be directed. Capt. Stanley has since been Lt. of the volunteer Sea Fencibles who were refused a Commission because they wished to be exempt from military duty in the militia for their services in protecting the town & exercising the field Cannon & other mounted Cannon which might be entrusted to them. Yesterday a detachment of the School Committee called on me for my services at the Annual meeting. To put the invitation into as painful form as could be invented I was invited to pray after Mr. Worcester had delivered an address, who was a younger man, & of whom I entertained the most unfavourable opinions. So much for public invitations. The agent in this business was a Mr. Peele, who is to be remembered for his civility.

21. A launch upon the Neck of a whaleboat privateer about 60 feet long. Her hatches are half her length upon deck, & the men can stand in them. She was delivered to the Ocean handsomely & has many owners. I proposed to give her the name Stark, but the name was preengaged. She is well built for such construction & sat well upon the water, stiff enough. The examination of the Schools, in which I had an exercise according to an arrangement not after my wishes. The Grammar School did not appear as the Master Stephens takes his second degree at Dartmouth College this year. Mr. Berry's School appeared well, if he had a little more discretion in exhibiting them. Mr. Gray's Scholars at the Centre School read remarkably well. Mr. Hacker of the West School could not attend only a few of his boys with writing. Mr. Dodge of Northfield School exhibited the best writing & it is the first time that Hacker has been excelled since I have been at examinations. But his paralytic habits are an apology for this second place, which depended on the writing of a single boy Stimpson, who probably was instructed by Hacker as he came from that neighbourhood. Hacker gave no special papers, in the common writing he still has his superiority. His annual examination was this day because of the intended burial of Lawrence on Monday next. Multitudes are crowding to see the funeral ornaments of the Branch Church this day.

22. Sunday. The preparations for the funeral of Capt. Lawrence & Lt. Ludlow have produced some singular events. It was suggested that an Organ would be a proper accompaniment of the vocal Music. Application was made by mouth for the North Meet-

ing having such an Organ. The Committee declined. It was said a written address would be successful, the house was refused. In compliment to the Branch, Mr. C. & the persons who went in the Cartel attended worship & were followed by many to see the decorations. Mr. Spaulding has taken his final leave. Invitation so far as it can be provoked is called upon to do its office. As I was not of the Communion of Capt. L. I was called upon to give up my invitation & write for an Ep. Priest. As Mr. Eaton of Ch. Church, Boston, was G. Chaplain of Mass. Lodge I addressed him but after a long delay & repeated application he gave me a refusal. Then Deacon Henshaw had an invitation which has been announced but as the Bp. Griswold preached this day in Salem, another arrangement may be made. So we stand for Monday.

23. The day of the interment of Capt. Lawrence & Lieut. Ludlow. Circumstances which will not be found in the printed account. The North Meeting was refused under the influence of Samuel Putnam, now a Senator of the State, & Icabod Nichols, a Master of a Vessel & lately Master of the Salem East India Marine, 19 black balls being in that Society against an attendance at the funeral or a third of the whole. It is affirmed out of doors not more than 12 proprietors would have refused the North House. If they would not few dare to shew any signs of disapprobation. Putnam wrote the note & Deacon Holman, as he was required, signed it. Putnam is a relative of Pickering, of small person, wasping & a length going man. There he is of consequence. Nichols has violent prejudices & Holman ready compliances. Not great. The bell of the North Church did not toll, tho' we passed & turned at the Church. Again not an Officer of the State Government appeared with any badge of Office. All the Officers of the General Government offended. Gov. Strong was in his council determined not to appear. The Arrangement was upon the large scale. The escort of King's Infantry who boasted in open insult that they had not a republican among them. The Artillery under Peabody who duped the negro woman for election of Governour. It was called a crime that the seamen had upon their hats, Free trade & Seamen's rights. Putnam & Nichols left Salem upon the occasion of the solemnities to express the malignity of feelings, &c. On the other hand Salem never saw such a day. The Concourse was double the population. No place was without a crowd where any ceremony could be seen. The preparation of the House for the procession & oration was with good taste, complete, rich, but modest, & without excess in any thing. The procession was large, tho' curiosity tempted every man to be an observer of the scene. The satisfaction was great & no man has said since the work has been finished that he has been pleased with his own absence, or the voluntary absence of any other man. Tho' great care was taken to

discourage every attention & by all means of conversation & of the press, yet nothing has been offered in commendation of those who were influenced by such advice. The difference in the infamous means to discourage & in the present view of the scene will leave the whole with a blessed effect upon this generation & upon posterity. The whole company dispersed in season & the town was quiet at the usual hours. We are assured that a relative who was at the funeral rites has requested that the body be transported to New York to be lodged among the relatives of the deceased.

25. Went with my pupil H[annah] C[rowninshield] to Cambridge. At Cambridge we saw little of that multitude which has increased the fame of Commencement. As I had no hopes from the University, I spent several hours in the rich library of Judge Winthrop, & refusing to dine I left Cambridge for Watertown. Here I found the greatest change in the new roads & turnpikes on the bank of the River. I passed from Watertown to Brighton but found few of my old acquaintance known to me, when I preached at Little Cambridge above 30 years ago. A Son of Mr. Parkman, John, has the Fanueil seat occupied by Mr. Bethune. A Mr. Pomeroy has the seat of Mr. Bowers. These were the only places besides Apthorp's, below Bethune's that had any of the appearance of Country seats. Many houses now have more splendour of appearance, but the tenants are unknown. I visited Mr. Winship just beyond the new Meeting House. Old Mr. Jackson's Old Tavern yet stands, but possessed by one Hastings. Mr. Winship is terribly afflicted by the shaking palsy & has been so for several years. He had an instant recollection of me. His bankruptcy was too much for his ambition. He was the best butcher & afterward provision merchant I had ever known. A library adorned a room which did not correspond to it, tho' in a good style of building. Some engravings from pictures of Raphael, were upon the walls. We passed to the Old Punch Bowl on Brooklyn which has as much of its old character as friend Jackson's. The same preparations for the accommodation of cheap customers who come with teams & to buy cattle. We therefore by a new route passed to Jamaica plain which is now decorated with many a handsome building. In my day the only house in better style was Mr. Pemberton's which was not of two upright stories. We found no tavern at which one could dine till we had passed a mile beyond the meeting house at Burrill's upon the Dedham turnpike. After dinner we returned & were received by Mr. John Cabot at his seat on the south side of the pond. We had passed on the shore of the pond & found him returning home. The daughter in law Lydia Dodge was of my church & entitled to my attention. We found an elegant house & the best attention. The walk through the garden is continued to the bank near the pond & opens a complete view of what they

fondly call the Lake, claiming Roman example. After our compliments we passed towards Roxbury & confounded by the new roads at length reached Gen. Dearborn's seat for which our visit was intended. This seat was built by a Mr. Brindley & afterwards came into the hands of Mr. Pierpont who was of the kindred of my G. Mother Paine, the woman who educated me, & was born on the north side of the river between this seat & Roxbury Meeting H. Hill. The center of this building is a spacious hall, with convenient rooms in the wings, & affording from the back of it the most extensive & varied landscape, embracing Boston, Cambridge, Charlestown & the bridges on the Charles. We found the General at home & his son & wife. We supped kindly & after breakfast next morning left for Dorchester. We intended to call on Mr. Harris this year D. D. of Cambridge, but meeting him on the road going to Cambridge we continued without stopping our ride to the seat of Mr. Stephen Hall. This gentleman was known to me when I just commenced preaching & while I officiated at the New South in Boston. The visit has been obliged by the politeness of his daughter Ward of Salem, & by a visit of Madam, paid while she was lately at Salem. We had every notice we could ask, & among other fruit we tasted the first water melon here. Upon the hill back of his seat is a very delightful view of the Islands below Boston & he claims to see 13 towns from these pleasant heights. His barn was well stored, he had a good yard of poultry & every convenience. He has suffered much from the palsy. His wife is a venerable woman. By passing through mistake to the turnpike we lost the view of the College so called, a new building, & the pavillion formerly Mr. Swan's now occupied by Mr. Morton. We saw Mrs. Swan's new seat said to have been constructed upon the plan of one seen by her at Paris. Hatch's house that was Gov. Shirley's & since the property of a Mr. Alexander, warfinger of the Long Wharf, Boston, & now conveyed for a time to a Coolidge, had changed as little from its original form as any thing we saw. I entered Boston on the bridge south of the Hollis street Meeting, & passed without delay through Pleasant street by the Mall, Tremont st., Pemberton's Hill over the Mill pond from Cole's Lane. We took our tea at the Lynn Hotel & reached Salem at sun down.

27. Yesterday died Margaret Manning, fourscore. The eldest surviving sister of Richard Manning Esqr. lately deceased. This sister held the residue of his property after his decease & had a great share of his confidence. When I came to Salem the two brothers & three sisters made one family. Before I came one of the sisters married John Hodges whose children are yet with us. The elder brother had been a Captain of a Vessel & afterwards a Magistrate. The other brother was infirm. All five remained in the family together unmarried. Elizabeth died first,

then Richard, now Margaret. Jacob & Hanna remain. They have lived much disengaged from the expences of visits & intercourse.

29. Sunday. Note. Jacob & Hannah Manning, d. of their sister Margaret, æt. 79. Her G. Father Jacob Manning died, æt. 95, in 1757. After 90 he was able to ride on horse back & Dr. Holyoke well remembers his sitting at ease on horseback after 90 & cantering his horse as he was riding to & from his lands. He was properly a Gun Smith & had his shop in Essex street at the E. corner of Orange street where Hodge's house now stands. John Hodges married the g. daughter of this Jacob & the d. of Benjamin, father of the deceased. Old Mr. Manning in pleasant weather was observed by all the old people as commonly sitting out before his house & shop. His son Benjamin died, æt. 72, in 1768. His son Richard died at 80 in 1811. His daughter Elizabeth at 72 in 1801, & Margaret, æt. 79, in 1813. There was a son Benjamin, but he died before I knew the people of Salem. Jacob & Hannah the two survivors are both above 70 years of age, & the five, 2 brothers & 3 sisters, have lived together without marriage since their father's death. The brother Richard left a large estate for their support.

Mr. Mills informed me that Mr. Fuller, formerly of Gloucester, Chebacco Side, preached this spring at Manchester, & in tears lamented that after 40 years he had been obliged to quit the pastoral relation from insufficient support. And he assured me that Mr. Holt who followed Mr. Webster after Mr. Webster removed to Hampton, N. H., had been obliged to leave his parish from same cause. Mr. Webster left Chebacco in 1806 & Mr. Thomas Holt was ordained in 1809. The long contentions with Mr. Pickering & the fanatical conduct of Mr. Cleveland, & the antient zeal of Mr. Wise have left a fanatical spirit which feels the hopes of the free Baptists, who have full possession. When I came to Essex two houses were used by Mr. Cleveland, & after his death both were taken away & a new one built. These may be added to the changes in Essex.

30. The British hover on our Coast. They killed a cow on Plum Island, but had not time to carry her off, from some alarm by the sportsmen. We have but seven men at our Fort. We have an armed Vessel in the Harbour. The Enemy have more Ships in our bay than at any time since the war, probably having their first object our Frigates whom they hope to seize upon their return. Many reports are in circulation respecting their success, & their courses.

31. Mr. C[rowninshield] sailed for New York on the Brig Henry with the bodies of Lawrence & Ludlow. A leaden coffin was put over the first, & then the furniture added to a new Coffin,

which inclosed the whole. The Brig passed us while we were on the neck about 4 o'clock. This afternoon on the neck with M. Giles, &c. A letter had been sent to Comm. Decatur at New London to obtain leave of Adm. Hardy by flag. Adm. Cockburne is to succeed Hardy upon that station. I do not know whether any answer has been obtained, probably it has not.

September 1, 1813. Was at the Allen farm. Stanly the tenant has 20 in family. He has 21 cows on the farm & is willing to pronounce that it is an excellent year. All in fine health. His wife in the straw with 10th Child. It has not been so healthy at the Pickman farm this side Forrest river in South fields, Salem. We fished on Hinkley's shore & fed our fish with the whelps we raked from the rocks. H. C. & A. Knapp were my companions & we had a pleasant time.

2. Mr. G[eo.] C[rowninshield] has applied for leave to convey the bodies of Capt. L[awrence] & Lieut. L[udlow] by water, but has been denied & his papers kept. In truth the application had not such interest as the British would think might be used. A naked Cartel, new duty & no pay. We are told the bodies will be sent to New York by land & are to go from Salem to Boston by water. Many reports of the success of our Frigates at sea. The arrival of the Decatur privateer at Charleston proves that the spirit of privateering is not lost & that it is not always unrewarded.

3. A Vessel has arrived at Cape Ann. We learn that our Frigates at sea have been reported repeatedly to British Cruisers. The Armistice is continued.

4. The new Commander at New London would not suffer the bodies of Lawrence & Ludlow to be transported through the Sound. They have been conveyed to Boston by water & a conveyance will be made for them probably by land, to New York.

5. The spirit of faction in this State can be better judged from the record of a late Pamphlet containing an account of the funeral, &c. of Lawrence & Ludlow with Story's eulogy. The loan of the North Meeting House having been solicited & refused for the funeral solemnities of Ludlow & Lawrence the following request & answer are published. Wednesday, 18 Aug. 1813. "Gentlemen, the necessary preparations for the funeral of the late gallant & lamented Capt. James Lawrence will be completed after a suitable meeting House for the performance of the funeral solemnities shall have been obtained. As Doctor Bernard's Meeting House has many advantages over every other in town, particularly on account of its size, & the fine organ it contains, we beg leave to request of you the loan of the same for the above purpose." Signed: B. W. Crowninshield, Chairman of Committee of Arrangements. Messrs. Samuel Holman, Abijah Northey, & Gideon Tucker, Comm. of the Prop. of Dr. B's Meeting H.

"Salem, Aug. 19, 1813. Sir, the Committee of the Proprietors of the North Meeting House in Salem, have received your note requesting the loan of the House for the performance of the funeral solemnities of the late Captain Lawrence & reply that they have no authority to open the House for any other purpose than public worship." Signed: Samuel Holman, Chairman of the Proprietor's Committee. Hon. B. W. Crowninshield, Chairman of the Comm. of Arr. for the funeral of the late Capt. Lawrence.

It is said the Rev. Dr. says he is sorry. But the men are of no consideration, but as under influence.

5. Sunday. Note. Lydia More & family, d. of her husband at sea. She was a Southwick of Danvers & married this stranger from Hamburg not long since. He came early into America, & was above 30 years of age, but had not been long in Salem. He is supposed to have been lost on Nantucket shoals last spring. A wreck had been seen & he has not since been heard of. He was a man well disposed & well informed in his condition. George M. of Hamburg.

6. It is now said that Oliver has publicly excused himself for the neglect to answer Adm. Decatur about a pass for the bodies of Lawrence & Ludlow through the Sound. That he dismissed the flag & intended to answer in the morning, but did not he confesses by the boat, or give any encouragement. Such the insolence of this Briton.

7. Notice. An express passed for Boston that the U. S. Brig Enterprise, Lt. Burroughs, had captured off Portland, the British Brig of war, Boxer, both rating 14 guns, says the report, after an action of 14 minutes. Both Commanders killed. Both Brigs have arrived at Portland. The Boston Coffee House books say in the Enterprise, Lt. B. & one man killed, in the Boxer, above 40 killed & wounded & among the killed Capt. Blythe. The Boxer rates 14 guns & carries 18 guns, 16 eighteen pound carronades & 2 long 9's. Enterprise rates 14, carries 16 guns, 14 eighteen pound carronades & 2 long 9's.

8. I learn the death of Ab. Watson of Portland, son of my friend John Watson, long a distinguished schoolmaster in Salem, now at his seat in North fields, long confined by a paralytic affection. His son went early to Portland as a merchant, but inherited from his mother an unconquerable disposition to intemperance, which has long disqualified him for business, & has finished his existence at his 36 year. He had active powers, & good social dispositions. In sympathy with our brethren of Portland upon the d. of Lt. Burroughs of the Brig U. S. Enterprise, our flags were displayed this day at half mast, as the day of his funeral.

9. This Day the National Fast. Everything has been done

to discourage an attention to it. Vulgar prejudice was excited by every cause. But in the end the Houses of Worship were opened in Salem as usual. In the Gazette the appointment was attacked & so it was in the Newburyport Herald, & a matter of conscience pleaded. We were witness of no excentricities, & even the fanatics ran their bill for a lecture in the evening as we were returning from the usual evening service.

11. An arrival at Gloucester lately from France.

12. Sunday. Emphatically one of the warmest days ever experienced. The glass rose to 80 soon after sunrise & in the coolest part of the house stood at 85 all day & all night, till towards morning it fell to 82 within doors. Three times I changed my cloaths from the violence of sweat, with which I was drenched. We have news that last Saturday week, 4th instant, died at Middleton 10 miles from Salem, Revd. Solomon Adams, æt. 54, & in the 20 year of his ministry. He was interred on the 7th & Rev. Stearns of Bedford preached at the funeral. Mr. Adams grad. at Cambridge, 1788, & succeeded Mr. Smith, a man of active mind & not inferior accomplishments. Mr. Adams has something sluggish in his make & had been for a long time afflicted by paralytic affections which had totally prevented at last all his labours. He has left a family not well provided for, but probably will be comfortable. The base prejudices of party never clung faster to anything than to the national fast. It was made a question not barely of religion but of morality, & so appeared in all the great towns of this State. Gov. Strong would not act upon the proclamation as the Gov. of Connecticut had done. But the day was observed with special attention, & only two pulpits were disgraced by political virulence. In Salem we observed the unfavourable difference in the observance. In Newbury Port they say by their paper they kept a Virginia Sunday. To add reproach to general insult. The Patriot of Boston, a rep. paper, says, one of the Opp. papers observes "The people consulted their own consciences more than the President's proclamation." We take this as a confession they completely were disappointed in their revenge.

14. Part of our Militia Companies on the parade. A strange indulgence is given to Militia Captains to parade at their pleasure, with great loss to industry among the citizens & without that generous effect which public ceremonies produce when they unite all hearts. Our best citizens leave these irregular pleasures to the rabble, who despise them. We learn that Joseph White, late Mgr. of Horse is elected Lt. Colonel of the Salem Regiment of Militia. We are told Capt. King's infantry are out with a dinner for our Naval officers. We have the singular news that the Gentlemen of the Army & Navy at Halifax who did

public honour to Lawrence & Ludlow have sent in their bill of sundries for the first funeral to Capt. G[eorge] C[rowninshield] who came for the bodies & transported them to Salem. This is an event not expected after the proud accounts of funeral honours. Our Privateer Frolic has reached Portsmouth after 7 weeks cruise. She had taken ten vessels, one has arrived, one a cartel, one ashore, one recaptured, & one ordered in. 5 burnt. Among these were 1 Ship, 1 Bark, 4 Brigs, 1 Galliot, & 3 Schooners. Well done.

16. Yesterday at the invitation of Amos Rhodes, Merchant of Lynn, an invitation which I partly sought from long acquaintance, I went to Lynn on the day of ordination. I found civility from Mr. R. but a great change in his political & other habits, but friend R. informed me that he was an abettor to the political exhibition of grotesque figures in the Hotel News Room. I found that the company would not be such as I could prefer nor the family in its former state, so I excused myself & went with my pupil to Nahant, where we found some of our Salem friends. We saw no great assembly of people at Lynn, & no persons around the Meeting House in the time of service. Dr. Osgood of Medford preached. I have heard nothing since of the services. The Crew of the Boxer, & the prisoners from Boston have reached Salem, & at this place is to be the station of the Guard Ship. At present the prisoners to be in the Henry. Some inhabitants were at the fort this night as only 7 men were at the fort to guard the prisoners. Great doubts of the number in the Boxer.

17. This day I received a letter from John Mitchell Esqr., Agent of the U. S. for the exchange of American Prisoners of War at Halifax, in which he informs me that in consequence of an act of retaliation for the sending of prisoners to England, in the confinement of some English prisoners, the English had repeated the insult, and as our G[overnment] held some British subjects as hostages "This is considered as a high offence & they have now seized on sixteen of our unfortunate prisoners for retaliation, so they term it, & have moved them from the Wills Island to the Common Goal here, where I am sorry to add they are basely lodged. I cannot deceive you, nor palliate the conduct of this Government. They are lodged like animals, all in one small room, or rather Cell, where I visited them—in good spirits —& look to God & their Country to redress them. I will pay them every attention in my power." Capt. J. R. Morgan is one of this unhappy number. He inclosed a letter to his wife in one to me & both were in a letter from the Agent. He confesses every attention from the Agent & begs that his wife may be inspired by every hope. My only fear is upon her account. Hoping a speedy understanding bet[ween] the Governments.

19. Sunday. Notes. John Watson & children, two sons & 2 D., death of his eldest son Abraham at Portland. The Father was long a useful Schoolmaster & the only one in the Eastern end of Salem. He has been paralytic for several years & confined to his seat in Northfields. A Son W. & d. E. are with him. And one son is at Portland, John. The Father has only one Sister now at Rochester, N. H. Abraham left no children, but his wife survives him & is esteemed in the family. Mary Lufkin, d. of her G. Daughter by her D. Phippen. Her son in Captivity. Captivity has new terrors as may be seen from the Agent's letter to me. This retaliation is most painful in its consequences & gives alarm justly. John M. Peck & wife, d. of child, pr. for her absent brother Silsbee in captivity. Samuel Silsbee & wife, d. of their G. Child Peck, & pr. for their eldest son in captivity. Mr. Peck was from Danbury, C. & expects to remove to Boston immediately. A Hatter.

Last Thursday Mr. Isaac Hurd was ordained at Lynn. No Salem minister in the services. I was in Lynn but not at the services. This is the fourth minister of this parish since I have been settled in Salem. Not one of them died in his Charge. Mr. Treadwell died lately in Salem. Mr. Parsons returned to his friends at Cape Ann. Mr. Thacher is with his wife's friends in Malden. Winthrop says difficulties with Whiting, Mather with Cobbet, & the others did not fare better. Sheppard not well supported, & Henchman sued the parish for his stipulated support. The Free Baptists of this vicinity have a meeting of their sect at Gloucester in this neighbourhood. We must look to Elder Elias Smith's Herald of Gospel Liberty for the history of these remarkables. Among other invectives lately in this town this singular man indulged himself in reproaching the Branch in Salem for mortgaging their house to pay Mr. Spaulding who took his last farewell this day as we are assured, tho' it was thought he had done it several times before when he departed on his excursions. Last week died at Boston Samuel Mather Esqr., æt. 77, son of the late Dr. Samuel Mather of the Bennett street Church. The long indulgence with which I was received in my youth by his father brought him to my notice. He professed a warm attachment to the politics of his Uncle Hutchinson. For the Gov. of Mass. of that name was Brother to his Mother. It was believed that he was accessory to a pamphlet on his own Father, reflecting upon some innocent loving kindness of the Doctor, who was as free from guile & the knowledge of the world as any man. However the Knowledge the Father valued, the son did not. The Son had not a public education but was a Merchant. The information he possessed was from conversation. His general form was good, but his face was pronounced by all the Ladies homely.

He had no children. He was an Absentee in the revolution, had a pension, & returned to Boston after the peace. Did no business & was a good Opposition man. Now all the males of the celebrated Mathers are extinct. Not one is left with us.

20. The bodies of Lawrence & Ludlow received from us by land, have had distinguished honours at New York before their interment under Trinity Church. Similar Ceremonies were attended at Washington lately. The Sixth Naval Victory as it is called, of the Enterprise over the Boxer shows that Victory had not abandoned us at the will of the Shannon. The President & Congress are still upon the Ocean. The Essex in the South Seas. The Constellation is safe at Norfolk & two Ships at New London. The Constitution is ready for sea at Boston, & lately a sloop of war has been launched at Charlestown Navy Yard. Our Fleets are upon the Lakes & at this moment their fate depends. The public mind is full of the subject of our naval enterprises on the Lakes. Several excellent Vessels have been reported as launched from our Seaports for the public service as well as enterprising individuals.

21. Last week King's infantry invited the Naval Officers to a dinner which was displayed at Hamilton Hall, in all the spirit of the Opposition. It is affirmed that the Naval Officers are not disinclined to such men, but as yet are not such a body of men as to be consulted as in the days of Cromwell & Ludlow. The Guard Ship reached North River this day from Boston, & is to be stationed at the confluence of North & Bass rivers between Orne's point & the Beverly Bridge. Capt. Tibbets of Salem who brought her down, lost a son by a fall from the Vessel into the water at Beverly. I do not know the policy of this removal, but probably to avoid some inconveniences in Boston. The rancorous disposition of some men would render it impossible to observe any rules in that place, so readily would every offender find protection. Mr. Thomas Webb of Salem formerly, has had in charge this guard ship & it is said he will come with the Aurora to continue his charge.

24. A small Fishing boat brought in last evening as a Smuggler. Tea, &c. with shingles, both unfit for her. It is believed that Smuggling is carried on in great extent upon our wharves. The noted case of C. Coolidge, in retaking his Vessel in the Offing, has occasioned a decision against him under the plea of Piracy. One of his aliens is here in the Guard Ship. The Prisoners transferred to the Ship Aurora yesterday. Capt. Webb still.

26. Sunday. It is now thirty years since my ordination in Salem. On Thursday last, Dr. Dwight of Yale College, Conn., visited Salem & preached a lecture at the Tabernacle for Mr.

Worcester. The Feds. have agreed to speak well of his style. His subject properly was of the Millenium. On Sunday he went eastward & preached all day at Newburyport, part of the day at Dana's & part at Spring's. I do not find that he associated with any but the Hopkinsian Ministers. At Salisbury I learnt that Mr. Balch the minister had approbated the conduct of a brother, who had been defaming our Government, & had sued the engine men for throwing water upon him, at the time of playing their engine. No actions lay against the men. The minister has been pleased to give notice of his pistols. Everywhere I find proof of indiscreet zeal against the government among the ministers. At Atkinson, Mr. Peabody has been violent. Several of the ministers shut their houses on the National day of prayer. Mr. Miltimore at Belleville, Newbury, asked on what day it was appointed. In what are these things to end. In Newbury, Mr. Spring in his attempts to regulate funerals gave offence to Mr. Milton. Mr. Milton spoke of his offence in his pulpit, & the Newburyport newspaper had it. Milton came from St. John's, an illiterate Layman. He has since studied much & has the largest congregation in that town. A Circular Lecture on Sunday evenings was appointed but it is growing into neglect, in part from its ill tendency, but more from the jealousies of the ministers. What will be the consequences of these evils time must discover. Our Deacons stand it better than our Clergy. They generally possess that integrity of character, & industry of life, which secure to them great temperance & long enjoyment. Their families share with them.

27. I left Salem early with H. C. & with W. S. & his Sister for Haverhill. We breakfasted at Topsfield at the Hotel on the Turnpike, & passed through Boxford, upper Rowley & Bradford to Haverhill. There we saw the new Bridge erected under Sheriff Bartlet & suspended upon frames aloft after the plan of the new Bridges raised over powerful streams & rivers liable to freshets & to winter ice. The headers are strapped with iron, not keyed but were lately in great danger. I saw the plan but did not obtain the chord of the 3 arches or the length of them. After a visit to Mr. Bartlet & to a small bridge over Little River above the town, a Bridge suspended on large logs which form the guards of the bridge, we passed to Atkinson to the White farm, which Madam Sprague inherited & which is now with her only daughter the wife of W. Stearns, Merchant of Salem. We were hospitably received & visited a small sawmill lately erected on the farm near which we found a rock surcharged into mica of which we have brought specimens & many lamina of the mica of several inches in surface. We traversed the woods which were 100 acres together. They abounded with oak & pine & for the first time I

saw the cup lichens, which abound in these woods & brought some to enrich my cabinet in Salem. I was told the ash is in these parts. I saw two in Haverhill street, when I went to visit the site of the old Saltonstall House, which is now taken away & the farm under the hammer has been sold for three thousand dollars to a Mr. Duncan who is building on the premises. Near the ash trees we saw a species of the salix with a small leaf very different from the common willow. We saw two ships on the stocks at Haverhill unfinished, but completely planked but no persons at work upon them. Near the bridge works an ingenious mechanic, Paul Wingate, who has been in the State Prison for engraving imitations of bills, but who was set at liberty before the close of his term for his good conduct & he is now employed for his great abilities in all works in metals. From Atkinson we passed by Plaistow Meeting House, six miles to the Rock Bridge over the Merrimac to Newbury, & after sundown reached Rev. Mr. Giles of Newburyport. We found the bells ringing, & the Phoenix Insurance Office illuminated for the news of the taking the Erie fleet by Comm. Perry & an account of the return of Comm. Rogers from his expedition over the European Seas, having eluded the search of the whole British Navy. We were hospitably entertained in this clergyman's family by the father & son & the three daughters who removed from Exeter in England to America. He is zealously attached to the Administration of our worthy President Mr. Madison.

28. I visited my friend Capt. N. Knapp, æt. 78, & Capt. Joseph Noyes of the same age. I found the first deaf after a stroke of palsy, & the latter much indisposed with a sciatica. Mr. Pierce over 90 years, I found cheerfully proving his memory even when it failed him, but still employing all his thoughts on the busy world around him with the same solicitude as in his former years. He is a man of sterling worth & of superiour natural powers. He thinks he could drown Lower Canada by opening the falls of Niagara. I went down to the river & entered the Sloop of War Wasp, lately launched at this place, being about 500 tons. She was well built. Here I saw my friend Deacon Dorr, a ship wright & head builder, whom I recollected on the Essex at Salem. They were filling with salt the ceiling of the Ship. I questioned the use & talked of seasoning timber, iron knees, & was as well convinced by their arguments as they were with my own. I was introduced to Capt. Blakely to whom the ship is delivered. He is promoted from the Enterprise which Lt. Barrows has lately commanded with great honour in the action with the Boxer, & he is from the southern States. After his visit, I passed with Mr. S. & the ladies to visit a natural curiosity called the Devil's Den about 2 miles from Newburyport, in Newbury. We passed on the turnpike one mile,

till we had gone beyond the toll house & then at the first stone wall after passing the Causeways over the low grounds, we continued nearly a mile till we reached a ledge of rocks in the wall tending eastward. The rock contains in some portions of it great quantities of excellent limestone. In other parts it is granite, with quartz, & veins of asbestos, with stones variegated with green & other colours of which I took specimens for examination. We returned from this singular ledge & singularly tho' not deeply excavated & having in one hollow & rather thin cavity of the rock another impregnated by the limestone, & upon our return visited the tomb of my old friend Revd. Cary on the south side of the burying ground, & the tomb of the Rev. Mr. Murray on the north side after passing the brow of the hill. The Court House is near the Pond, but the white marble which marks its stories has not the power on me that a simple facade would have. After dinner we rode to the Chain bridge over Deer Island. The Chain bridges are on the Newbury side. On the Salisbury side is the Bridge supported by frames above & with a common draw for the passage of Vessels in the river. We passed to Salisbury & visited Capt. Odiorne who lately remembered me by the gift of Fry's Typography which he obtained from one of his prizes in his late cruise. We returned to Newbury Port & spent the evening at Judge Smith's who lately had a dispute with Pickering about a toast J. S. gave at a political celebration. His three daughters, the youngest of which has married a Mr. Thacher, politely received us & Mr. Thacher showed us several mosaics among which one of a dog about an inch was highly deserving of praise. Several gentlemen of the family of Williams were with us & two daughters of a Deacon Farnham. After the evening was spent we returned to Mr. Giles. We had been much deprived of his company by the sudden death of his friend Capt. S. Coffin. This hospitable man had agreed to take us to Plum Island. He had been an invalid, but this morning he complained of a violent pain in the breast, & used several domestic remedies, but while in the use of them he instantly expired.

29. We had long been threatened with a N. E. storm or as we call it the September gale. The rain began in the night & the day was windy & thick, and we were deterred from our purpose to return till after dinner. We then fixed our minds & leaving the turnpike in Rowley, we passed to Ipswich & took coffee at Treadwell's & at night reached Salem. In the course of the day I had been informed of the few efforts made in Newbury port to profit from the hostilities which the war obliged against British Commerce. All the attempts that could be recollected were, the *Manhattan*, of four 4 pounders, which did nothing, the *Decatur*, had 12 sizes, a long twelve, of 194 tons & took 14 prizes. The

Yankee had 4 fours, two threes, & 4 twelves & was repaired at Salem afterwards, & taken in the West Indies. The Military of Newbury port is said to consist of 7 companies of Militia partly uniformed, wearing blue trimmed up with buff & caps high in front. A Company called the Washington blues, & an Artillery Company. We are told few of the persons who lost their wooden dwelling houses have rebuilt since the fire having appropriated the donations to the payment of their debts & their private affairs. The buildings still lay in ruins, excepting only such valuable spots as have been appropriated for the large blocks of brick buildings which have been raised by enterprising individuals & by combined efforts for particular uses. The Baptist Meeting was not rebuilt, but a small wooden building is used in the North part of the town erected in its stead. In Joppa, in the south part of the town, a Lay preacher & a private building serves for those who do not chuse to go to the north part of the town. The Phoenix Insurance buildings are distinguished by their Cupola. The block in Middle street is appropriated to the book sellers. Several blocks give a better appearance to the town than it ever before had, but the violence of fanaticism & political prejudice prevent any appearance of its former activity & prosperity. In no place are these evils more known. The pulpit denounces the State & the war. The characteristic enthusiasm so far obtains as to overawe those who are not enslaved by it & in no place has religious & political prejudice more malignity.

30. Never was there a greater or more joyful influx of good news than during my short absence. The Complete victory of C[ommodore] Perry upon Lake Erie with the great success of C[ommodore] Rogers on Ontario, & the general disposition of the Am. Troops for successful movements are astonishing. The Voyage of Rogers has the character of the old romance & the power to finish it by arriving upon a Coast blockaded by a great fleet of the Enemy in watch for him, is a new event in naval history.

October 3, 1813. Sunday. Notes. John Deistell, released from prison, pr. d. of his son in his absence. He was born in Eisleben in Saxony, where Luther was born & died. Sailed from Salem in Dec. last in the Sword Fish Privateer, Capt. Evans, was taken by a 74 & carried to England & has lately returned. His wife was a Knap & Wid. Larabee when married. Mary Richardson, d. of her youngest child. Husband W. in captivity. Sara Richardson, d. of her g. child, pr. for her son in captivity & for recovery of her own health. In my Newburyport tour I visited Salisbury & heard from eye witnesses a singular anecdote, which discovers what priestly spirit is in this quarter. A Mr. Balch, Cong. M. of Salisbury, had a swaggering brother who was pleased

publicly to express his violent hatred of the members of our administration. On the day of playing the Fire Engine he was in the way of the water & refused to move & furnished sport for the occasion by a handsome ducking. An action at law commenced & he was cast in it. His brother the Minister has armed himself with pistoles & keeps them in his house to defend himself against the unruly. I had no idea of a more malignant spirit than distinguishes our neighbours of Newbury Port, both in Church & State. Must it not be charged to their situation. Their whole history is a succession of ecclesiastical broils, & no part of the town is free from it, at present. No minister in the upper parish from divisions about the place of a House. New Town parish cut up the cloaths hung in the minister's garden to whiten & to dry. Dr. Tucker was in persecution, one of the sweetest men & the best informed of his age. Marks of violence everywhere. At the late celebration of the Victory of Comm. Perry, they tolled a bell in Newbury Port, & broke the windows of a public building illuminated on the occasion. Mr. Spaulding after all his pretences of leaving the Branch in Salem, still remains & it is at present believed that his friends will be able to retain him. Political causes exist, & parties make great sacrifices to their prejudices. The open manner in which the M[inister] at the Tabernacle has opposed the former habits of his people, has given him a less secure hold from their religious attachments, which can be returned, to their former pastor, without any violence to their understandings.

4. A most singular imposture upon the public credulity was passed last week. A supplement to the Courier of Ch[arleston], S. C. was printed with an account of the success of the Argus in an action with a Sloop of war. All the circumstances were told & the ardour of public zeal made the success general. It was soon found that the whole was a fraud, & that the printing was a trick to render it more sure of its purpose. General indignation has followed but the fraud is still without a known author. I have never known a fraud so successfully*conducted among all parties.

5. Day for our Brigade Muster at Danvers. The day was fine excepting several small showers soon over. Major Gen. A. Hovey appeared for the first time & Col. Joseph White for the first time as Col. of the Salem Regiment. David Putnam of Danvers was Brigadier General. Major John Fairfield of the Cavalry. So many promotions have been made lately, that no calculations could be made of the general appearance. I walked from Salem to see the line formed, but returned before the sham fight which had been ordered for the exercise or amusement of the troops. Opinion is favourable to the Review. As party has been very

busy in some promotions & some Court Martials lately, Party interested itself, & the people fond of parade would willingly consent to a pleasure which to them was sincere as it afforded an extraordinary opportunity for amusement, while few could compare the different military exhibitions to judge of military talents or arrangements. Never perhaps were so many men together with so little military experience.

8. Report of a mad dog has been followed by the death of many a suspected & much valued dog. It has been said that children had been bitten & that one was now suffering. The alarm of such a thing has been great, but the whole seems passing away with no other conviction, than that it is in the power of ignorant & malicious people to sport with the passions & prejudices of the multitude, whenever they please. Our Government has wisely determined to retaliate upon British prisoners. Of our men, fifteen have been confined in a cell in Halifax under the plea that some of their men were confined in retaliation for a former confinement & threatenings to our Prisoners. The retaliation is now in its second course. Ten were taken from the Guard Ship in our North River & sent to the cells in Ipswich. I am told they are taken by lot. Our agent at Halifax, Mr. John Mitchell, has written to me & Capt. Morgan one of the sufferers. Vice P[resident] Gerry has replied to my letter on the subject & has sent it on to the President of the U. S. A. This the result.

10. Sunday. Note. B. Webb & wife & Children, d. of his Son in Law Paul Jewett Burbank, died 14 Sept. at Norfolk. This man came into Salem & entered largely into business, became involved, indiscreet in business, & withdrew & has been absent some time & had died. Married in 1810. Pr. for son at sea. This firm of Burbank did not leave a fair reputation in Salem & it was said withdrew with a Vessel & property belonging to Capt. B. Webb, the father in law, &c. &c. The late Military Promotions have obliged some attention to the notice taken of deserters from our Eastern Society, upon political considerations, & the promotions which have followed, almost uniformly excepting when the talents & reputation did not admit of distinction & preferment.

J. Story. Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court, by attention to Opposition.

A. Hovey. Shoemaker, now Major General of 2d Division & Representative.

Jo. White. Colonel. Br. in Law to Story. S. Archer also before him, lately dead.

John White. Capt. of Horse. Br. of Joseph White.

S. G. Derby. Col. lately & now master of East India Marine Society & Rep.

N. Bowditch. Now P[resident] of Essex Fire & Marine Insurance Company, Salem.

John Fairfield. Now Master of Horse or Captain.

S. Ropes. Chairman of Selectmen.

M. Webb. Of the Board of Selectmen. All living & in office excepting Archer.

No small proof of the strength of party associations. 10 in one generation.

11. This day died Tigh's child, 5 y., said by mad dog. The Nurse told me that the child was playing with a dog in its lap. Another dog came up. Said bit it, but the bite was inconsiderable & the child healed & dog killed. After nine days was ill. The friends gave it pink root for worms of which it discharged great quantities till it died. That it gave no signs of barking, &c. as reported but died under the hands of the Physicians. So ends one of the greatest alarms on the subject I have ever known.

12. The fate of our Brig Argus has been determined. Capt. Allen died of his wounds & was buried at Plymouth with the honours of war. Capt. Maples of the Br. Brig Pelican says the Argus was of 360 tons, 18 24lb. carronades & 2 long 12s. Complement 149 men, in the action 127. Their own crew 116. The Argus had made many captures before by the loss of her Commander she was taken. The life of Perry saved his fleet. The loss of Lawrence & Allen was the loss of their ships.

14. Our friends busy in suits at law relative to the prizes of the Ship America. At two hearings the captors have recovered. The Ship comes consigned to Citizens of the U. States. The papers are all withheld which has been a plea with the Judge of the Circuit Court for condemnation. The last hearing was at the Circuit Court in Portsmouth, N. H. The appeal is now to Supreme Court at Washington. No artifice has been unemployed by the G. of the Bar to embarrass our law affairs. The instructions respecting Licenced Vessels have been the proofs of the want of energy or of the existence of a power somewhere to over awe the Government. The late measures are of more decisive character as they ought to have been in the beginning.

15. Application for more Influence than we have in behalf of prisoners. This day for prisoners parolled, who from want of exchanges are detained from their business. Mr. Wilson has had an office in the Rattlesnake & can not do his duty in the Vessel. Capt. Stanley has offers in the private service & can employ himself, but is upon parole. The censure as is to be expected falls not upon the enemy only but upon the Commissary, Jonathan Mason. I find no specific charge, but a great deal of impatience. Letter from Professor Peck to attend on the morrow a meeting of the Council of Antiquarian Society at Boston for first time, & to arrange for first anniversary Oct. 23, 1813.

16. Was at Boston with the Council. It has few members & only four appeared. Two were absent. Present Col. Gibbs, Pr. Peck, V. P., & B. Russel, Esq. We met at the house of Mr. Andrew of the company of Thomas & Andrew, booksellers, Thomas, President. I have not as yet seen any documents. From Pr. Peck I learn that the Institution is incorporated. That the Hist. Society are jealous of a competition as I hear from Mr. Shaw at the Athenaeum. We agreed & voted to apply for the Chapel Church & its accommodations, to invite the Pastors to say prayers & read lessons on the occasion. Pr. Jenks had been appointed Orator, to have a meeting of the Council at 9 1-2 A. M. at Concert Hall, & to proceed to the Chapel at eleven. I have not seen a list of the members, or the Constitution, or the preliminary articles or deliberations on the subject.

17. Sunday. Notes. Hannah Cotel, d. of her husband, æt. 32, bred to the seas, rupture by accident at sea. Hannah Mascol, d. of her Son in Law Cotel. She a widow. Family Dean. Cotel was a native of Marblehead, civil, & not without useful information.

18. Three of my society transported to England from Halifax, received certificates of baptism. Daniel Ropes, s. of Daniel & Alice, Nath. Western, s. of Nath. & Hanna Western, & John Forbes, s. of John & Sarah Forbes. Another of the family of N. W. was baptised in the Ep. Church. While at Boston the Marshal allowed me to copy all from Salem & from four Vessels I took the names of those ordered to England from Halifax, overlooking the Cossac from same port. Vessel Montgomery, Daniel Ropes, E. Henfield, Wm. Clark, W. Wanton, J. Forbes, Thomas Sparks. Vessel Enterprise, Joseph Cloutman, John Widger, Peter Melgard, Nathan Fuller, John Cloth, Henry Torry, Robert Russel, Rd. Williams, Jesse Goss, W. Cloth, Isaiah Pettigal. Vessel Wasp, Edward Cooper, James Richardson, Elisha Smith, Asa Foster, Josh. Spaulding. Vessel Polly, William Brown, John Cook.

19. The conduct of the British to the prisoners of the United States has not had the intended effect to discourage. I have at no time known of greater number engaged in the naval service, & in naval adventures, & a still greater number are seeking opportunities for the sea service, amid all its dangers. Capt. John Crowninshield has left for New York with Capt. S. Briggs his Lt. The America is fitting out at Bath. The G[rand] Turk is now ready for sea. She has been at Boston to accompany the Constitution but has returned concluding it best to put to sea at her own discretion. The British have extended the blockade to St. Mary's with an exception of a few ports. We have several privateers at sea.

22. This evening Mr. Gleason gave his public introduction to his 13 Lessons on Geography which he has been into Canada &

through the United States to exhibit. Mr. Duane of Philadelphia gave him all his public testimony & Mr. Murray has also a testimony which he shewed me, & I promised to notify his designs in Salem. The Lecturer is from Boston, has taught in Charleston, has been a Lay preacher among the Rellyites. Has not his manners or taste, but his enthusiasm to recommend him. I attended the public representation of his Lectures & doubt not that he can introduce Geography, which is much required in Commercial cities, with great public benefit.

23. The day of the discovery of America by Columbus, and the first anniversary of the lately formed Antiquarian Society. The day was lovely, & the people assembled few, & the Society were the first who entered the Chapel, but several Gentlemen came in & others afterwards. Our preparatory business was in electing members & this was done by handfuls. It was checked by the choice of a Committee of Nominations in which the President, Mr. Thomas & Mr. Bigelow, Speaker of H. of Reps., Professor Peck, V. P., were entered. The oration of Mr. Jenks had classical purity, without profound erudition. It conceded to enquiry even its wonders. With Bryant's Mythology united to Jones' investigations & with Welsh Indians & a Language of Signs, he exhibited specimens of great labour & great credulity. But it was in a form which pleased. We returned to the Exchange Building, read the exhibition to be made of our Institution & passed all Laws proposed, from the haste of dinner time & the improper time for discussion. Even Morse obtained to have himself on a committee of enquiry respecting Mounds, which will enable him to get materials for his Geography, as his maps did of the Historical Society without perhaps touching our funds, but by availing himself of the bounty & the aid of our correspondents. I saw many things to please & some to disgust me much. I found Morse would have a greater influence here than in the Historical Society, & I fear eventually if we do not incorporate with the Historical Society we shall be the miserable engines of stupid fanatics.

25. As I passed in my morning walk I was called into a house in which a young head of a family had cut his throat. He [Thomas Phippen] had been Master of a Vessel & was aged 34. This intemperate had destroyed his prospects & violated all his duties, & he had entered in the service of the Navy. The officer had visited him that morning to call him to his duty & he retired to a loft & with a jack knife cut his throat from ear to ear. No man was in the house. I found that he was prostrate & the artery cut off & he expired soon after I entered. He is from one of our ancient families & a strange excentricity is in many branches of it. He was not in my charge & therefore as soon as succor was given I retired.

26. Dr. Barnard not attending the funeral of the person above, I was invited. We had this day the news from Europe but most miserably perverted. Such extracts were given as induced the G[entlemen] who brought the papers to take them from the Offices at Boston & to send them on to New York. So gross the perversion of our public prints. The letters of the officers & passengers testify to this abuse of public confidence.

28. The news of the Essex in South America gives a spring to the ambitious hopes of our seamen. The value of her prizes said to be immense.

This morning Jane Nichols, maiden, æt. 72, put an end to her life at her brother's, Ichabod N. Esqr. This is adduced as another case of sympathy. She had long discovered such a design but caution had long preserved her. The free conversation on the act of Phippen of Monday last revived the thought & purpose. It is commonly said such acts seldom come alone. Some example of such excitement may be expected. And why not as in all our other sympathies.

29. The last day of the life of Theophilus Parsons, Chief Judge of S[upreme] C[ourt] of Mass. This g[entleman] has been prominent in his law studies, & with them has connected a great taste for classic literature & a great progress in mathematical studies. He was probably the greatest Law Character we have ever produced. As early as 1782 I had personal knowledge of Mr. Parsons, & visited at his father's at Byfield, in which parish he was the minister. Mr. Parsons was pointed & severe when he had his resentments & paid little attention to the dress of thought & much less to his person. He was always sure to converse where he found a man's talents most distinguished, & in most cases he was not ashamed to make his choice from any loss of reputation. Nothing existed upon which he did not glance, without loss of attachment to his great pursuits, & he never conversed with any man upon his favorite topics in vain. His zeal in the system of politics called federal, put him, as his zeal always must, at the head of it, & therefore he was exposed to all the obloquy of prejudice. He seemed to care little, but his acrimony proved that he could conceal. The only man he ever thought & felt to be his rival was Sullivan, & he could indulge where he dared in what he never allowed unless he was blinded & betrayed in his passion. I knew both but never could doubt the superiority of talents in Parsons & the acuteness of mind. But Sullivan was self taught & had to struggle against all the evils from neglect of early & classical education. I do not recollect to have seen one publication with the name of Parsons. But Sullivan published a History of Maine & of Land titles, which make large volumes, besides a very long list of other papers which appeared with his name. Their pleas were differ-



Theop. Parsons

From a miniature painted by Malbone in 1796.

ent. The acute & pointed expression of Parsons gave him power from every incident. Sullivan had all his success from direct force & sober investigation. Parsons had as much law learning, more subtlety & refinement. Sullivan was active in the Revolution & therefore had his honours most early. He was in the Provincial Congress in 1775, & on the bench in 1776, & left his seat for the bar in 1782. Parsons appears with his first public honours with Sullivan in the Convention for the Constitution in 1779 & 1780. Sullivan was one of the founders with Parsons of Acad. of Arts & Sciences, but Sullivan was the father of the Historical Society & first president. He was also the Civil Officer to whom the Clergy assigned the presidency of the Cong. Ch. Society. He had his second election for Gov. in 1808 when he died. The political path which Parsons chose excluded him from all the offices depending on state elections, tho' he was often in the Legislature till the success of his party gave him first a seat among the Fellows at Cambridge & at length his law talents the rank of Chief Justice in 1806. He has been rather envied than beloved by the Bar. He was severe, when the g[entlemen] of the Law ventured beyond their duty. But his pre-eminence in Mass. is indisputable.

30. Judge Parsons died this day. The first notice of yesterday was from false report.

31. Sunday. Notes. Miriam Manning & children, d. of her Sister Manning, p. for two sons absent. One at sea, the other infirm in Maine. Notice of the danger of Mr. Watson who died at 12 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Manning lost her brother in law by a fall from a house & since the d. of her husband in six months, her sister in law, & two sons, & one d. of the same sister, besides three d. recovered from the same fever of which the above four in one family have died in so short a time. One of her sons is on the lands at the head of Sebago, the other at sea but his particular situation unknown.

Died Master John Watson, who had been my neighbour 20 years. He was born in Salem, April, 1747, being at his decease in his 67 year. He was when young induced to keep a Writing School at the corner of Union upon Essex street, where the Merchant's Bank now is, & he continued to keep it many years after I came to Salem, being the principal Writing Master in the town. He married Abigail, d. of Capt. John White, in June, 1770, & she died in Aug. 1806 & left him with 5 children. The eldest has died lately & 2 sons & 2 daughters survive him. His father came early into Salem from an antient family in Cambridge. His mother was a Pickering descended from Elder Brown, part of whose estate she inherited, & upon it are the brick buildings at the head of Union upon Essex street. In the family by marriage was Master Swinnerton, whose example John was induced to follow from the

delicate habit of his body & the excellency of his handwriting. Mr. Watson was induced to take charge of the public school for writing in the East part of the Town for one year, but returned to his private school again. In this calling he had good health & uncommon activity. But he was induced from his easy circumstances to abandon it & at length upon his patrimony in North fields he erected a pleasant house in the Italian style, but about four years ago from the change of his habits he had a violent stroke of the palsy & the fourth stroke has finished his life. He never recovered his speech, but the shock had not much impaired his memory, for he has never much exercised it, as men in his calling have no excessive use of it. He was of delicate nerves & had considerable irritability but he had the manners of a Gentleman & an affability which gained him many friends. His discipline was severe at times but he never failed in producing good writers. In his house he was hospitable. In religious rules exemplary & as a member of the Church constant, candid, & friendly. He was ready in all seasonable aid to public institutions, & more ministers found a home at his house than at the house of any man in Salem whose house was known to me, & these men of the first rank in their profession & none of them fanatics. The attention of his youngest son & daughter to him in his sickness has been very exemplary, & his life may be said to be prolonged more from the sympathies that blessed it than from all other causes put together. They were always with him & most eagerly desirous to please him & he had as deep an interest in their pleasures. His wife in the latter part of life was not cautious in her habits & her eldest son followed out of life in the same manner but nothing could be observed in Master Watson, which was not religiously correct & just. I enjoyed an intimacy which must make me feel the loss of him. The death of Judge Parsons is to be considered in regard to our University. He was, as one of the fellows said, The Master. The successor to his influence will not be found & consequently the College will feel the change. Time must say in what manner.

November 1, 1813. The Register Printing Office is brought down into our neighbourhood & is under my windows. The building is in our garden & was built for an Apothecary. The chamber is now prepared for a News Room if it do not eventually find the Printer room some where else by drawing him from his business. At the several Bank Offices our citizens usually assemble but such as are found at such places have business with the members. Several attempts have been made to establish News Rooms upon other plans without success, such as the stands open among the Crown-inshield buildings at the head of their wharf. Such an one was opened & prepared in the brick building in Derby & Becket streets. And much such are our Barber's Shops. At the Banks the Company is steady, & such Officers of Insurance as are managed by Mercantile Companies.

2. The *America*, a ship from this port, in the last cruise put into Bath, Kennebec, Maine, & has been at that port fitted for sea. 50 of her crew went from Salem in a sloop & reports are abroad that this sloop is one of the sloops burnt by the British. The British continue on our coast & burn our coasters. All unfavorable reports are circulated as part of the plan to discourage our mariners & to render the war unpopular. This evening the report of the capture of the sloop has proved false by her arrival at her port.

4. This morning at sunrise I observed for the first time a flight of crows. I counted a bare fifty passing from the Neck, on which they had alighted, to the westward. I asked Mr. Hill, a gunner on the spot, what he had observed. He said it was their daily route from Cape Ann woods at sun rise to Salem Great Swamp, & that at sun down they as regularly returned through the winter. So few only I had observed, that very early I found at this season crows on the neck but that I never found them at any other time of the day in that place. It has been remarked that a greater number of the small pollock had been taken at the wharves this season than at any former time. We used spring & fall to take a few at perch fishing. Now it is a sport to the children to carry them from the wharves in dozens & all of them about the size of smelts, frost fish & perch, so that the eye cannot distinguish them easily by their size at a distance. Whether from the timidity of our fishermen in venturing into the bay or from some other cause, we have had a less number of large cod than usual. This is not my own remark only, but confirmed by a fisherman who used to assist me in getting large heads to boil as a favorite Luxury.

6. Last evening several bonfires. All the loss of the political occasion, of which this was the wicked artifice, did not prevent the practices of the Powder Plot. Too irresistible is superstition engrafted upon the public habits. Learn ye mortals.

7. Sunday. Note. John Watson, brother & sisters, d. of their father, Master John Watson, aet. 67. Mr. Watson began school keeping before he was 20 y. of age being an excellent penman. Left the public school opened in 1785, in 1786 & returned to his private school which he finally relinquished in 1801 being in the school about 33 years. We were blessed with two school dames at the same time Madam Babbidge, who died aet. 90 in 1804, & Madam Mansfield, aet. 82, in 1791. The first a superior woman, the last the good habits suited to her times & her success. Since I have been in Salem in our Society Mr. Smith, Hunt, Jona Archer, Welsh, &c. have taught navigation. Three of them foreigners & decayed seamen. Archer was first a Barber, Collector of Taxes, &c. The assistants in the public school were Snelling in 1786 & Moses in 1792. The last died & the other now keeps a public Writing School in Boston. Lang the master, was succeeded by Mr. Berry. In music were teachers Munson, Ward & Buffington. Mr. Watson was our

Reg. Society Treasurer, 1786. Master Nutting of Salem school died 1790, aet. 96. In 1791 the Clergy were united to School Committee in Salem. Since my day Rogers & Southwick have taught private schools in my Society with success. John Swinerton's Grammar is marked 1652, and he probably taught before Master Norris was introduced & S. married B. Brown's widow. At present & for a few years, begun with Preceptor Knap, private gentlemen have associated to provide schools & schoolmasters, called Proprietor's schools. Several such still remain in Salem, but not with their first reputation.

8. I was at Danvers. Two of our company in firing at a post 150 feet distance with a rifle & common musket struck it 7 out of 10 times. We were feasted with Wild Geese & Ducks in their best state of excellence. This is a rare opportunity to feast upon the best success of the Gun.

9. I dined upon all the luxury of the poultry yard. We had the turkey, geese & dunghill fowls in as great perfection this day as we had the wild fowl of yesterday. The weather remarkably mild & pleasant. I found at Danvers the mate of the spectacle Duck or Hudson Bay Duck which I saw on October 21 & which was taken by Mr. Webb at Salem Neck. The Drake was killed at Crane river & the Duck at Salem neck when passing up the river. I have conversed with Pr. Peck who had not seen them.

11. Last Monday a skunk was killed in Northfields not far from Mr. Watson's seat. The scent was so powerful that Mr. Parker says a Master of a Vessel smelt it, designating the time, as far as Halfway Rock six miles in a line from the spot. The mention of it voluntarily by the Captain & the precise time of the taking & killing seemed to put it out of all doubt as it was plainly distinguished in the town & as far as the land extended.

12. The last load of sailors for the America went off this day. The sloops which had carried men for that ship at Bath had given occasion to so many reports that they were taken, that this method of sending them was abandoned. Mr. C[rowninshield] says it costs them 400 dollars to get their men from Salem to Bath. Many English armed vessels in the Bay. The expectation of the sailing of the Constitution, &c. from Boston detains several heavy ships.

The following anecdotes of the late Chief Justice Parsons are supplied upon the best evidence. At the last Court at Ipswich the Chief Justice in his address to the Jury expatiated upon the blessings of a republican form of government with the richest charms of his eloquence. After the Court were at table with the Lawyers at a public house on the same date he publicly sneered at Republicanism. Then Attorney G. Morton, who told it to me at Mr. Crowninshield's, told him they were yet under the powerful influence of his recommendation of a republican form of government,

& were surprised at the instant change of his language. He replied, it is a beautiful theory but I never said it could continue. Mr. Crowninshield then repeated what he had said in the H. of Reps., that the Chief Justice told him that the Republican Institutions could not continue and tho' he despised the Clergy he would willingly employ them to subvert such Institutions. And yet this man is declared by the Clergy who write his eulogy to be a Republican & a Christian. Perhaps he might excuse himself & say Christianity was a theory, but in practice could not honestly be defended.

14. Sunday. Notes. Abigail Chever with her 4 children, d. of her husband Nathaniel Chever, Pr. for one of his brothers at sea. This N. C. a most worthy man who died with great calmness & had a very excellent character. Mary Hutchinson & children, d. of her son in law Chever, pr. for G. son absent, son of D. Ropes. William Webb & wife & children for her dangerously sick. This worthy woman has been affected with a paralytic affection which began in an unusual manner in one arm below the elbow with convulsions of the part & has extended itself till it has seized the whole frame. She has been long afflicted & is now beyond recovery & hope. Samuel Lambert & wife, d. of his youngest brother, aet. 23, of Stockholm, Sweden. This family has one son settled on Islands in the South Sea in a very excentric manner. The whole are endowed with talents. Capt. L. is an able teacher of mathematics. The Committee of the Branch in Salem were directed to the choice of a Candidate & the person recommended was Mr. English, a graduate of Cambridge, lately a preacher, & g. son of my Friend Bethune. It so happened that English has followed the example of Collins in printing a Volume to prove that the claims of Christians for Jesus from the prophecies are without foundation. The devotees are disappointed in their choice, but the work of Mr. English has become very interesting to the Clergy as Attorney General Morton tells me.

16. The most curious article of domestic history is the conviction of one Browne, a carpenter, a known ignorant tool for a party, for perjury relative to the intended riots of a late Election. This man seems to have been Liar General. He made some daring assertion in the case of Crowninshield, senior & has been witness to everything the party which employed him, wished to maintain. The party abandoned him to his fate with great reluctance.

18. Yesterday I was called to Court by Dr. Stearns upon the subject of a suit at law against one Browne, who had been indicted by the G. Jury for Perjury. I was to appear upon the question of Stearns' son James who had been my pupil & of my church. This part of the business was not opened. By various evidences it was affirmed upon oath that said Stearns was in the riot as said Browne declared. Dr. Stearns neighbours & family declared that he was

at home at the time affirmed by said Browne. There was no plea. It was left to the Court. Judge Sewall on the Bench decided among other things that Browne could not be convicted & the Jury did not leave their seats. For this affair N. Bowditch was the principal witness, a man of great mathematical labour, but not so well known for other enquiries. Party was bold & active & successful.

19. This week a squib in Salem Register read in the Supreme Jud[icial] Court at Salem. This [was] pronounced by the Judge Sewall as deserving prosecution. How sensible & wise.

21. Sunday. Notes. William Webb & 4 children, d. of his wife, a son of Deacon Webb by John. His wife lived 10 years with Madam Pickman & the wife of her son while he was in England & became one of the best of mothers & was an Allen of Marblehead. Father died when she was young. Mother died aged 75 about 6 years ago in November at Marblehead. A son & d. Ireton left who has also four children & lives in Marblehead. Br. in the nat[ional] service. Judith Webb & her children, d. of her d. in law. This the mother of the husband & she has finished 83 years and was a Phelps, having one aged sister left, Southward, who has also a husband living & both of advanced age. Mr. Gleason has finished his classes to whom he gives his 13 lectures in Geography. He says that he has had 60 scholars since he has paid this visit at 5 D. each & now leaves for southward. It is something lucrative to it to be afraid to expose & praise our goods in the market. A Blind man preached at the South Meeting & curiosity was excited as I heard.

22. In the evening among the fanatics I found a Dutch woman who had brought with her a Dutch Bible. She had lived at Amsterdam, but was born on the Islands. From her I received a Bible published under authority of the Synod of Dort. Ed. Haarlem, 1791 & a good one. She called herself of the Reformed Church & wondered that she found only Protestants. She was surprised that we called ourselves of the Reformed Church when we had nothing to her that seemed to resemble it. She saw nothing like marriage, which she represented a difficult thing in her country. She must go to the Magistrates with her witnesses & then to the Kirk. Here a mere notification not kept up for a month but a day, without witnesses or magistrates, sufficed.

23. Our News Room near us has it is said 80 subscribers. The members are in Committees for various purposes with a jealousy of other clubs which have attempted to intrude their influence. This business of Clubs has lost the power of governing with its former sovereignty because it is no longer disguised, but it is a bare faced trick to rule. We have many as corrupt as Jesuits have been said to be, yet but few who have their concealment. Clubs are to brave danger by combination, not to rule while they seem to serve.

25. Our Annual Thanksgiving. It was not a pleasant day & the

sun did not appear till the afternoon & then for a short time. The weather was mild, but bright days are blessed days for the Contribution for the Poor. The first collection fell to 80 dollars which is more painful after we have counted double the sum. We must acknowledge our obligations to the singers for their performances which were of their best kind. The Assembly was as full as ever, but we have greater poverty of feeling from the total interruption to Commerce & therefore allow the people to feel a little less able for Charity, especially when the number of beggars has greatly increased in our streets & around our houses.

26. This morning died Mary, the wife of Capt. G. Crowninshield, sen., merchant, & the last of the children of Richard Derby Esqr. who died in 1783. She was indeed an extraordinary woman & maintained with a dignity of person, a dignity of action, which was assisted with the purest manners. In her family we have had nothing like her. In her last years she suffered from paralytic affections, which took away all voluntary motions, & destroyed all the associations of her ideas, her husband, her father, her children, her brothers & sisters. Still an acumen was at times remarkable. She insensibly approached to dissolution & died without a struggle having this month finished her 76 years. She was born 12 November & baptised on the 18th in the first year of the ministry of Revd J. Diman. She was married July 18, 1757 to Mr. G. Crowninshield, before she had reached her 20th year. Of her children four sons & two daughters remain. Of the sons, two married & two unmarried. The eldest d. Mary, married Capt. N. Sillsbee, & the youngest is still unmarried. Her eldest son G. is attached to the whole character of a Mariner, & distinguished himself lately by the public honours paid to the brave Lawrence & Ludlow. Jacob, who deceased in Washington, 15 Ap. 1808, was a member of Congress & a man of great reputation. He had been in the India trade & was an accomplished merchant & married the d. of John Gardner who had married the sister of his mother & is yet living. Benjamin married Mary Boardman, a. G. D. of Capt. John Hodges, who was brother to his G. Mother Derby. He has been in our House of Representatives & a member in our Senate. John remains single, but had been engaged to a Miss Ray who died before the marriage could be consummated. Richard married in New York, to which he has returned, & where he has a manufactory under his direction. The father G. Crowninshield was baptised 21 August 1734, & is now in his 80th year. Hanna Crowninshield, d. of Capt. S. Carlton, married his brother Jacob & with her I live. She was born and baptised 28 July of the same year 1734.

27. Last evening the Cartel sailed from this port for Halifax having yesterday occasioned some alarm by a mutiny on board. The Prisoners gained the vessel but were soon obliged to submit. The principal offenders were brought into town but ordered back to the

Cartel in irons. They intended to take the Alfred privateer lying nigh & put to sea with both Vessels. No lives were lost in this affair.

28. This was a cloudy day & Madam Mary Crowninshield was buried. The funeral procession was quite after dark & it was to be remarked that three sons in law of Capt. D. Derby were together, who had married sisters, whose age would give them 80 each. Dr. Prince, now living with his son at Jamaica plains, Roxbury. Capt. John Gardner, now living at his farm in Danvers, & Capt. G. Crowninshield, husband of the wife lately deceased. These were all the daughters which Capt. R. D. had living in marriage. The whole generation is now extinct. His son Richard, of the Council of Massachusetts, died before him. His son Hasket, long since, & John, last year at Boston.

29. I took my old walk, as we used to call it, round by Medcalfs. I first visited the Lookout within the Gate of the Great Pasture, but found except at the Islands only the rim of the ocean. The spot not well chosen. I then passed by the new wall of Hearsey D[erby]'s farm till I reached Clay brook. I find the new walls, near the cellar at Medcalfe's former house & the cellar filled with stones & all his inclosures entirely removed. Over the bridge on Clay brook I passed on the cart path to the road South of Fiske's lot & then took the new road from Pickman's to Derby farm, finding a new building by Landlord Tucker upon his 11 acre lot. I had not been this way since Mr. Derby came into possession of the Castle Hill Farm.

30. A Mrs. Whittemore called on me yesterday & on the back of the letter from her husband I transcribed a letter to Mr. Dawes on the subject of alienating the estate of my father in ruling his creditors & obtaining money of me, 70 dollars to pay debts which my father authorized him to pay, but which has never been paid. This creditor produces a note for 54 dollars for bread still unpaid. This is one of my domestic distresses. This Dawes, a son in law, with one Mycall, too well known for his habits, has taken of my father a deed in his own form of all his Estate as he says binding himself for the maintenance of said father in consideration of this deed. The deed is recorded in the name of Mycall.

December 1, 1813. At one o'clock this morning a Currier's shop in Boston Street in this town alarmed us by the flames. It was dead calm or the building was in a situation to spread destruction. It belonged to a son of Peter Chever, formerly of this town who lived in his last days & died at Andover.

2. British cloths of 5 D. 20 y. are now sold at 14 & 15 D. notwithstanding all our Manufacturers, partly from prejudice & partly from the confidence which they have long enjoyed & the reluctance of many to experiment upon new things at great expense. I have never seen a loom in our part of the town

till the present moment. It has produced from the labour of private families good cloathing of all sorts, sheeting, & blanketing, & the cloathing which has been done at home by the knitting needle is worthy of the best directed industry. It has been fashionable for two years to knit the woolen undercloaths of both sexes. The hosiery begins to be provided for adults, for children universally. The use of socks is a late thing from the general use of pantaloons. The use of trousers being only for seamen & labourers, had not from the resemblance urged this economy & particularly because they were commonly made of duck & linen & seldom, excepting fishermen, of woolen.

3. We learn from Halifax they had a heavy gale on 12 November. We had heavy rain at that time on 11th which was succeeded by changeable weather on the 12th, rain on 13th, & the first snow storm on 14th & 15th. Many vessels were driven from their anchors & several ships were ashore. The small craft suffered extremely. It is said in the Halifax papers, the *San Domingo*, *La Hogue* & *Maidstone* went on shore with some damage. Several of his Majesty's brigs & schooners. The *Woolwich* was wrecked near *Antigua*, September 11, & the *Laurestinus* on the *Silver Keys*, crews saved. The *Atlantie* from *New London* struck on the *Sisters* near *Halifax Lighthouse* & went to pieces, crew saved.

5. Sunday. Notes. *George Crowninshield* & family, death of his wife *Mary*. He has two sons unmarried with his one daughter. Only *John* was at the meeting of the males & *Sara* of the females. *Hanna Crowninshield* & family, wid. of *Jacob*, brother of *George*, d. of her sister in law. She had been kindly noticed by the family & is the lady with whom I live, she at 80 years. The text, "A Great Woman," for such I deemed her in any age or country. The jealousies of the different branches of the *Derby* family, particularly on political questions, caused an entire absence of all the females. Some of the husbands attended in person & some walked together. On the Sunday several children of the respective families were at the discourse but not with the mourners. All these jealousies have not extended the least to the deceased. When the Baptist initiated his two female Converts by immersion in the *North River*, the *Guard Ship* with *English Prisoners* laying near, the *Tars* gave him their three Cheers for such an extraordinary act of religion which so well agreed with their ceremonies of crossing the *Tropics* & commencing *Seamen* [are] seasoned. This adventure last Sunday has occasioned much merriment as it was evidently done without any ill nature & as an innocent amusement by the sailors.

6. The public mind much interested in the schemes of smuggling. A Vessel sails from one our Ports. Fills with goods in a given Lat. & Long. There waits till a small boat with a Commission of the States & an *English Licence* comes up. Then she is

a Prize. The boat is manned by men who agree upon their service & fill out their shares, & the Vessel is in port again in few days & makes two hundred per cent at once. A Vessel in such a situation has been brought into this port, & the goods stored by the Officers of the Customs who have suspected the fraud, for legal evidence. Sometimes the fraud is more complicated. The Vessel is made neutral. Is brought in upon suspicion. English papers appear. Witnesses saw the Vessel in an English port & she is condemned. We are already the greatest adepts at smuggling in the Universe.

7. Several cases at the Court in this town have had the political jealousies of the neighbourhood as their object. Mr. Kneeland, as President of a Convention of Republicans at Andover, has been arraigned for angry expressions in their report signed by him, charging the Committee of the Court with fraudulent design in representing all the cases of imprisonment in the State less than they have been found to be in the town of Salem only. The case did not issue.

8. This day I was at Boston by invitation at the ordination of Mr. Francis Parkman in the N[ew] North Church, lately the charge of my friend Dr. John Eliot.

9. The pretended foreign voyages operate favourably to the boat fishery of Cape Ann. The fish are salted in bulk & are ready for a good market on the spot. We are told that flour at Halifax is at 10 D. pr. barrel, at Salem for 17 D. English Goods at exorbitant prices, but our manufacturers spring up abundantly. A long war will give them root & good come out of this necessary evil.

10. My good friend Morgan is among the persons confined & to be sent from Halifax for England. The British persevere in this plan of distressing our seamen. The President's Message, which has reached us this day, takes a proper notice of this outrage & displays the just temper of our country. This message came on at the rate of 10 miles an hour without deduction.

12. Sunday. Notes. James Fairfield & wife, d. of her only child, pr. for a brother at sea. On Wednesday last I was at Boston at the ordination of Francis Parkman as successor to Dr. Eliot, in the Church in which I was baptised. The procession was from the schoolhouse & formed by the male children as well as male members of the congregation. The performances were correct. The music good, without particular character. The hymns printed. The sermon by Mr. Channing not of equal excellence tho' of equal ingenuity. The sympathetic benefits of the ministry were well displayed. It was not so perfect so far as it was historical or so correct so far as it was comparative. All the Psalms, Pindar's ode & the Choruses of the Theatre, all the Contributions of Genius were from the Altar. Ezra prayed & taught in the language of the Altar. Can the contributions of one order be equal to all. The assembly was crowded, attentive & solemn. Pr. Kirkland had the

greatest eloquence, but not the greatest happiness of language. Dr. Lathrop's Charge was impressive. Tuckerman's Hand of Fellowship free. Lowell's & Hurd's prayers not to be compared with President's. The time did not allow me to dine at Concert Hall according to my ticket & Mr. Parkman's particular invitation. These solemnities honour the Congregational Churches because they are solemn while they disown power of any name, & associate good men properly. The Candidate read a Confession, asked for but not required by the Council. My Treasurer Archer has agreed with the Printers of the Gazette in Boston to print the third edition of the Psalms & Hymns used in my Congregation in the form of the second edition.

13. We had the agreeable news of an American Frigate as having arrived at Portsmouth, N. H. The late success of Rogers in the President, in getting to sea from Newport, had filled us with joy & indulged our national pride. We all feel these events. Decatur & his three Ships are ready for the first opportunity in the harbour of New London, & the Constitution is ready at Boston. Our best Privateer, America, Chever, has found his way to the ocean from Bath & we are profiting from the season of winter. The late destruction at Halifax has strengthened the fears we wished our enemies to receive.

14. A son of Col. T. of Beverly lately attempted self murder but failed. Report that Mr. Miller, Eng. Agent for prisoners at Halifax, upon some complaint of mortality told the Am. prisoners they might die, &c., his Majesty had acres enough to bury them.

17. We continue to have mild weather. We now have rain. Turf, 4½ D. a load, Wood, 7 D. a cord. Coal, 37 cents a basket, maple, less for pine. Beef, 10 cents. Mutton, 6 cents. Flour high, Corn, Barley, Rye, Cyder, &c. in plenty. The trial & condemnation of two young men at Stoneham for the barbarous murder of an Indian in circumstances most atrocious, will discover that we have far receded from the simplicity of the virtues of our Ancestors. Parties have inflamed this savage temper.

19. Sunday. We learn from Arlington, 15 miles from us, that their new Meeting House was dedicated last Tuesday. Boston Centinel says it was built by Andrew Palmer of Newbury Port & is said to be one of the most firm & neat pieces of workmanship in the country. I was acquainted with this town in the siege of Boston & lived in vacations & kept school at Nod end at Esq. Ford's. Rev. Mr. Morrill was then Minister. Mr. Varney had been before him but left the ministry deranged. The last house had never been painted & was formed on the model of a square two story house. The pulpit was painted of a chocolate colour & the rest left as the workman left it. Their present minister Mr. Reynolds came in with great division & is of the Hopkinsian sect. Mr. Isaac Morrill was free from its peculiarities. Mr. Hillard of Cam-

bridge has reprinted the Alphabetical Catalogue of Cambridge Graduates this year 1813. The former edition was printed in Salem by Joshua Cushing in 1806. The Antiquarian Society meets next Wednesday. The Historical Society have an Oration on that day. Mr. Lee lately a famous preacher of the Methodists in Lynn, is now Chaplain of Congress.

20. We are all alive. So much business at the wharves has not been seen for a long time. All fearing an Embargo. This subject is said to be before Congress, & many opinions are abroad upon the subject. Many persons have ventured from our ports without fear of wind or weather, as of the enemy. Some & the many see the expediency of the measure but the opposition insure every popular discontent, but not with the success they very much covet.

21. The Guard Ship in North River has been drawn in at Rhust's wharf below the Universal Meeting House & the wharf inclosed. Capt. T. Webb who attends it has returned from Boston to Salem. The new Stone Goal is finished in the best manner. I should not have preferred a wooden top. The dwelling house in the yard of brick is finished outside in the brick work & all the foundation walls of the inclosure of the Goal are laid in stone deeply and firmly.

23. The interesting conversation of the day regards the detection of some shameful frauds at the Custom House in Boston. The charge regards in the first place one Lee, an Inspector. But public opinion extends the fraud to a great amount. Indeed in no respect has speculation failed to corrupt the intercourse of life in our Capital, & suspicion lives with everything at the present moment. The Government has been so commonly represented in odious lights, that all frauds have been deemed venial. It is said that these frauds have been a system with some of the first merchants, & that an Inspector boasted of having made 20 thousand dollars.

24. The appearance in our atmosphere on Wednesday night is explained. A light, first thought Northern lights & then believed to be from some conflagration, was observed a little easterly of the Newburyport light when the late fire destroyed many houses in that place. The Stages went with enterprising citizens & in 6 hours reached Portsmouth which is about a degree east of Newburyport. The fire was not discovered to be beyond Newburyport till our dispatched friends had nearly reached that place. They returned last night & bring us heavy tidings respecting the fire of Wednesday night at Portsmouth. It is not to be supposed we have the true history, but under every alleviation it is severe suffering. The fire began after six in the evening & was not completely under at five in the morning. The light was seen at the distance of half a degree probably 37 miles, at Salem, all night. The fire began in a barn. The full reports give the number of buildings at 450. This the first outline.

25. Report of Embargo. The circular came yesterday & two vessels were stopped in the Offing, one having 1000 barrels of beef, & the other provisions for a market. The public jealousies have so far increased that a very lawless man Silsbee attacked the Surveyor, G. Hodges, & at length the surveyor silenced the culprit by fist & satisfied his impertinence. In this case the whole was a lawless & impertinent interference altogether.

26. Sunday. Note. Rebecca Tripp, d. of a stranger in her lodging house, pr. for two sons at sea. The stranger called himself Ephraim Crosswell of Boston, aet. 18. He had, as he said, lost his parents & had been a cruise in the Privateer Stark. About six weeks ago came from Saco, was soon taken sick, & delirious, & after four weeks expired. We have no history of him since from Boston. A silly youth, one Thomas from Newbury Port, is zealous to make a reform towards Popery in St. Peter's Church in Salem. He has introduced chants & great things were promised on Christmas Day. Little has been said of it, but more is promised upon the Epiphany & at the end of the Holy days. We have never seen any thing of the kind in this place before. The man is indeed no recommendation of his measures, a bankrupt & without his own business. I am assured that good Mr. Williams has been obliged to quit Firetown on Bound brook* which Mr. Leslie left from the want of support. He is gone as I hear from that place to Plaistow upon the N. H. line, & the Merrimac. Poverty will follow him thither. The Universalists have adopted from Mr. Murray of Boston the practice of keeping Christmas. It therefore was observed in three places in Salem. In the Catholic private place of worship, in the Universalists M. House & in St. Peter's Eng. Ep. Church. We had notice that the Univ. M. House would be open in Boston. And we learn that the Cong. Minister, Mr. Nichols of Portland, pr. in St. Paul's Church in that town. Mr. Bartlet of Marblehead, of a Cong. Church, preached at Salem, & a Mr. Hubbard, an ejected Cong. Minister from Newbury, read prayers. We all see what is coming. John Gardner, now D. D. at Trinity, boasted in a sermon he printed, that we were returning. We had their vestments, &c. & we may now add were now taking their Holy Days.

27. Is memorable for the arrival of the Embargo Circular, which is instantly put into full effect. Several Democrats were found to be engaged in large exportations of provisions undoubtedly intended for the enemy. Indeed more smuggling, covering of property & evasion of the laws seemed incredible. The public manners need some severe chastisement.

28. The arrival at Boston of a West India Prize to the Congress which has a lading of Sugar & other W. I. articles has given great pleasure to the friends of the Crew of that Ship, which had otherwise done little besides its bold adventure & safe return. The Embargo it is expected will be attended with a general paper blockade

* Linebrook parish, Ipswich.

by the English. The last papers extend the southern blockade through Long Island sound.

29. The Embargo in our states is a proud measure & the Bill is worthy of the system to which it belongs. The Legislatures assembled in the respective states give new hopes to our country. Military arrangements in every part. Manufacturers increase & associations thrive to lessen the consumption of such foreign articles as have been in common use. The rain which begun last night continued through the night & towards morning turned into a snow storm & continued with violence throughout the day. Yet the warmth of the atmosphere was such that we had the streets deep with snow water. The mildness of the weather robbed the storm of its fury.

30. A domestic evil has happened from the storm. On Tuesday night a Mr. John Flint known by his intemperance was missing, & this morning found at South Field bridge probably having lost his way & perished. He was a most notorious devotee of the gloomy cup & this long habit terminated in the habit, which he has for thirty years indulged & proved fatal to him. No man vexed my first ministry with more bitter invectives of fanaticism than this man who was as skillful a Shoemaker as Friar Blas, but beyond his last. He had an excellent wife whom he has left with a most agreeable & distinguished family of children. Dr. Bacon's wife, whose funeral I attended this evening, was a d. of Capt. Adams, a Dane, who commanded a Vessel out of Salem. She was 77 years of age & second wife to the Doctor who is confined to his bed, aet. 66. Dr. Bacon was educated at Cambridge & graduated in 1771. He has not wanted the common talents in his profession but from his habits or some other cause not successful. The only brother & collateral branch of Capt. A's family is an Inspector in the Customs, Beverly, & he was bred to the sea & was Master of a Vessel.

31. The sailing of the Frigate Constitution from Boston yesterday at 4 P. M. is a subject of pleasure. The early history of our navy has been favourable. Every event is watched with the public solicitude.

January 1, 1814. The return of the Congress Frigate & the sailing again of the President & since of the Constitution are encouraging events. The arrival of a rich prize belonging to the Congress Frigate at Boston adds to the pleasure. Congress has consented to the Embargo & the Law proves that the subject was understood. In all the towns our Naval & Military heroes visit, they receive the public applause. The sufferings of Portsmouth have not such active service as is due to the town once esteemed the most polite in New England, & at present not inferior in hospitality & the social virtues. It is feared that it will not have that generous succour which Newbury Port found among its fanatic friends & political directors.

2. Sunday. Notes. Thomas Webb & wife & family, d. of their Mother Smothers, aet. 87 y. "and also prayers for friends in the army, at sea, in captivity, & on board British Bastiles." A true republican. The widow Sarah Smothers died in Salem last week, aged 87. Buried on Thursday. Notice has been given that at the Episcopal Church of St. Peter's will be observed for the first time the Epiphany, and to engage attention to this innovation it is proposed to have a contribution for the sufferers at Portsmouth. Thus Charity is the cloak of every mischievous design. We are to have three Charitable Collections in this week. The foreign Missionary Society meets on Wednesday, & Joseph Emerson of Beverly is to preach at 2 o'clock in the South Meeting House where Dr. Hopkins is Pastor, on the Tuesday preceeding, the Salem Bible Translation & Foreign Mission Society are to meet at the Baptist Meeting House & Revd. Daniel Sharp of Boston is to preach at six in the evening. At St. Peter's on Thursday, Revd. Morse of Newbury Port in the Evening.

3. Various plans to relieve Portsmouth but a Subscription preferred. The people have been invited to assemble & deliberate on the subject. Lt. G. Gray, lately of this Town, sent a thousand dollars to Gov. Langdon for the sufferers. The Officers of the Congress were bountiful, & care was taken to supply the poor from the Navy Yard by Comm. Hull. We hear from several towns of great liberality but we have done Nothing yet in Salem. It is said not last & least, but it has been hinted we may be both in the present occasion.

4. Yesterday cold but this day it is severely felt in our houses, glass 9 A. M. abroad 5 plus. The Embargo stopping the Coasters at present has made us apprehensive of a high price of wood. Wood from the Country, Oak, 8 D. sold this day. Wood at the wharf, 7.50. We have greater quantities of Turf in the market than have ever been seen. The Market seldom without it. We are told that the great speculations in coffee & sugar are checked. They have been, Coffee, 33 Cents & Sugar, 33 D. pr. ct. Sold this day at 20 Cts. & 20 Dollars.

6. A busy political day. The English news which has designed to lay all French Glory in the dust & that announces the defeat if not total ruin of Buonaparte, has been employed to excite every distrust of French alliance & the name of Jefferson either with or without his consent has been prostituted for the purpose. But at the same time comes a report of an intended Armistice, & probably a project for peace. It at present takes no definite form, but such is given it by political interest. On the Coffee house books in Boston it is an Armistice of 90 days. The speculators who have gone into every enormity are checked at once. The Sugar & Coffee of last Tuesday are at their 20 Cents & 20 Dollars, & every thing else. Tea has fallen still more, & every foreign production has felt the change. Speculation is the Crime of the age. The weather

which since Monday has been as low as 5 plus, is now at freezing point. Nothing has been refused in Boston to inflame prejudice against the administration. The army, the supplies, the appointments, everything, nothing, all alike supply complaints.

9. Sunday. Notes. Widow Rebecca Patterson, aet. 90, dangerously sick. She was the mother of the late worthy Capt. W. Patterson one of the best men in Salem. Widow Mary Whitford. She was a Foot, about 80 y. of age, she sick, pr. for children absent. She married into the family of Skipper W. proverbial for honest simplicity & diligence. It is said he went to Gov. Shirley.—“Gov. they have pressed Cousin Dimand!” Hanna Parker, sick, at the Charity House. Her G. Mother, a Stone, her mother, Harthorne. Her father a Smith, a branch of the old Harthorne family. This Sunday was a continuance of the Contributions in our Congregation for the sufferers by the late fire in Portsmouth. Last Sunday was collected in the Tabernacle Church in Court street, 205 Dollars & sent on. On Epiphany eve at St. Peter’s Church collected 210. Many Ceremonies collected a Crowd. This day at the First Church was collected 284. This was lately our richest Society. In the North Society was the greatest sum of 500. This has become the richest lately. In the East Society was collected 216. 50 D. by a Check from Capt. Joseph White junr. In the South Society was collected 155. In the Baptist Society Brick in Malb[oro] street, 141. The Universalists have not yet had any collection. The amount of the Sums collected at the Meeting of the Mission Society not yet given.

Our deaths in our Society in the last year 28, of these 10 children. We have lost a Sexton, several valuable Matrons, & several worthy young persons of both sexes. The following is an outline of the present picture of our little Community. Changes from Mercantile speculation, increase of vulgar fanaticism below. Property running to gay forms of religion, & adversity to the fuel of Terror. In the Mean. Is thy servant a dog? yet here a want of discreet zeal. Not dipped, yet relaxed, not new lighted, yet not new strengthened, no lectures, but less worship. No missions, but less at home, no strangers, less friends. More superstition & less Guards. Infidelity from captivity, genius of Paine, active ambition of Palmer, drollery of Allen & the youthful researches of English, a late young candidate & graduate of Cambridge.

The Joseph Stone above, lived near Forest River upper Bridge. James Smith was of the kindred of the late Thomas Diman, News carrier. Henry Parker, son of H. who was drowned, who married into the Hathorne family.

10. Another among the many examples of longevity in school mistresses. Widow Hanna Tucker of Gloucester died Jan. present at Gloucester, aet. 91. For four generations school mistresses. My schoolmistress, Madam Jenkins, lived many years over that

age. Madam Babbidge of Salem, my next neighbour, lived & taught over 90 years of age. And a tag has been given me by M. Whitford, aet. 80, which belonged to Madam Jiggles, marked E I, who was born on the passage to America & lived in the first framed house in Salem & who lived to a very advanced age & was a schoolmistress.

13. Our apprehensions for the share some of our young friends have taken in the late disappointed speculations is a serious concern. The arrival of the message which brings the expectation of other negotiations with England loses much of its joy to those who must trust in its national benefits, from the private misery real tho' deserved of the most extravagant adventurers. This day marks the death of Joshua Dodge Esqr. aet 62. He was graduated at Cambridge in 1771, went into mercantile employments without success. Married a Crowninshield. Was much depressed but at length took an employment in one of the Insurance offices & at the death of his father, a wealthy merchant of Salem, who came first from Beverly, became in easy circumstances. He was then Town Treasurer, and resigned the Treasury just before he died. His death was from some obstruction in the passages of the stomach. He had been irregular in early life, tho very discreet in the latter part of it.

This day I went to Danvers to attend the funeral of Mr. Benjamin Chase who was born in March, 1715 & died in Jan., 1814, having lived 98 years, 9 months & 11 days. He was a mulatto by a white mother. He lived near the upper Danvers meeting. His indisposition was short. On Saturday morning he was found under a paralytic affection in bed & never afterwards spoke, & probably had no consciousness of his situation. He was brought up in the family of Rhea in Beverly & went to his last situation in his youth. He was a rare example of consistent piety & holy living in a man who was excluded from the best sympathies of life, for he refused all associations with Negroes as a class of men & refused to marry with a white woman from the conviction that a white woman was held degraded in this country by such connection. He thought no woman deserving of his affection could make such sacrifices. Tho therefore obliged at times to every office for himself & often solitary, yet he has never been impeached as having deviated from the most correct line of conduct. By a pacific temper he became entitled to every service from his white neighbours & the best of them held him in the highest esteem. By a good education in reading & writing he was able to avoid all injurious contracts & to escape all impositions which depraved men are disposed to take of every unfavorable situation. The pastor of the Church says he has been during his ministry in the Communion with great approbation. He held a pew in the old & has one in the new Meeting house & his seat was never empty without sufficient reason. He was detained only two Sundays from the public service & on the first by

a cold as he termed it. I have seen him often & visited him much, & never saw a better example of [one] so free from all exceptions in my life. In going to Danvers I passed up the old road by the Lower meeting house & Dr. Putnam's. On my return I turned into the new roads following the procession, turning to the left at Judge Holten's near the meeting house, then passing the cross road by Putnam's Mills & New House down to the plain at Putnam's Tavern. I then continued in the Upper Beverly road till I came to the new brick factory & then took the new road to the right. The middle of it is not yet finished so that convenience directed my Chaise upon the old road, in sight of the new laid out road till I reached the mills. Then from the Causeway upon the new road it was convenient to pass into Beverly entering the old road between the Baptists & Lower Meeting Houses. When it is finished it will be a delightful road for amusement through Ryal's side giving about 7 miles from North field bridge to Beverly bridge. I observed that the travellers uncovered as they passed the funeral procession. The Minister did not accompany the procession, because he said the people had no common burying ground. He said he believed that the whole number of burying places were thirty.

14. The tag of Madam Jiggles, mentioned Jan. 10, was received by Mary Whitford, now aged 80, from her mother. Madam Jiggles invited her father Foot to live in the house with her, resigning the property to him at her decease & as an act of friendship Madam Jiggles gave the tag to the mother of the woman who gave it to me. This testimony I had this day from Mary Whitford who gave it to me. We have notice that the alarm from the appearance of fire towards Portsmouth was just. The Ropewalk belonging to Sheafe, & improved by Howe, &c., so memorable for his fires in Boston, & who had the rigging of the ship building for the U. S. at Portsmouth, was burnt that evening. As usual the cry is incendiaries, not carelessness.

16. Sunday. A merrimac Bible Society is announced at Newbury Port as having a late meeting. The Baptist's Mission in Salem last week, at their Evening Lecture obtained about 70 dollars exclusively of the sums obtained from the subscriptions by the Members, said J. Moriarty, a Member. At the late Epiphany in Salem in the evening were displayed Crosses, stars & evergreens. The Chants, under one Thomas of Newbury Port, are pronounced the principal charm. At the Charity House I had the funeral of a Kitty Ringoldson, from Gloucester, committed to goal for theft, & whose young child expired upon being sent to the Charity House. Such cases are rare & such pilgrims are very rare. She was a mulatto, not intending to stop in Salem. In the town of Worcester has been opened a Baptist Meeting House lately. The Incumbent is William Bentley, formerly of Rhode Island, lately of Boston,

Baker, since Minister. His name induced my enquiries from his sign when he was in his former occupation.

18. Died Rebecca Patterson, aet. 90. She had been a Widow ever since I have known her, 30 years, & she was added to our Charity list in 1808. She was mother to William Patterson, one of the best informed & most worthy of our Sea Captains, who died in 1793, aet. 47, with whom I enjoyed a rich acquaintance. Her mother Mary died, aet. 86, in 1785, & in the same manner as her daughter, without pain & like an infant. Insensibly sleeping, asking for nothing, breathing easily, & expiring almost in a manner unknown. She has three daughters left, married to a Smith, Trafton, & Bolton. The husband was a foreigner, died 1769. The brother Ebenezer T's widow is yet living at advanced age & her mother Whitefoot died at 103 years of age. Wid. Reb[ecca] married at 20 y. of age.

20. The arrival of the Grank Turk, an armed Ship from this Port, was full of joy, as arrivals have become rare. She has been on a cruise of 3 months, has taken 7 vessels, destroyed 2, ransomed one, & given one to the prisoners, & ordered 3 home. Time enough has not elapsed for the arrival of any of the prizes, & the chance is great. The British have 160 vessels on this station & tho' they do not capture our Frigates they are more successful against our Commerce & smaller armed Vessels.

21. The season continues uncommonly pleasant & the market for wood, & for necessaries is at a moderate price. The severe sufferings from the late speculation have so paralysed the energies of these adventurers, that they dare not touch the finest opportunities in fear of some secret evil, they never before knew to dread. The Government has 400 millions of acres of land at its disposal, military lots enough.

23. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Lydia Trafton, d. of her mother Patterson, pr. for son at sea. This is the d. with whom the mother lived & died near the old family lot, Brown st. Rebecca Pettengill, d. of her G. mother & pr. for absent friends. She lived with her Mother Trafton. Wid. Abiel Tozzer & children, d. of her sister Patterson, Husband's sister. A. T. 85 aet. her mother 103. John Dodge & wife, d. of his father Joshua Dodge, Esqr., Town Treasurer, grad at Camb. 1771, aet. 62, & for his brother Joshua lately arrived in France as a Traveller & Merchant. Jesse Richardson & his Children, d. of his father in law Dodge, lately lost his wife. The Dodge family was here with Conant, & in that part of Salem laying between Bass river & Ipswich the first settlers being in what is now called Beverly. They extended toward Ipswich & now have valuable farms in Beverly, Wenham, Ipswich & the vicinity. The first person of distinction in Salem, was Capt. G. Dodge, Merchant, who died aged 82, 18 Jan. 1806, & one of the three eminent merchants, Mason, Williams & Dodge. He said he doubled his es-

tate after 60 years of age. He was active, acute. Two d. married Cabots, Andrew & John, famed Merchants of Beverly. His youngest d. married Israel Thorndike, an eminent Merchant in Boston from Beverly. His eldest son has returned to the Country, to Tamworth, N. H., north of Winnepiseoge. The deceased was amiable, domestic & an excellent accountant & Town Treasurer. He married a d. of John Crowninshield, Br. of G., & John Saunders married the other daughter. Joshua began as a Merchant & failed, appeared discouraged. United himself to an Insurance Office & after his father's death came into the possession of a valuable portion of his estate. He has two sons & two d. John married a Johnson, Joshua abroad. The eldest d. married a Cabot, son of John C., & the youngest is still young and unmarried.

The son of Widow R. Patterson was one of our most discerning & acute Masters & Captains. He was much in the St. Domingo trade, but from no man did I get better information. Her mother Mary died aged 81, married Tozzer, her family name was Brown. She died 1785 & her brother John Brown, act. 83, died 1787. Her husband in 1769. Her worthy son William in 1793. Three daughters left. Two with husbands, Smith & Bolton. The widow Trafton noticed above. John Brown lived & died in Curtis street where his son now lives. His sister Tozzer in Orange street in the next street. From the families in which were deaths last year we find life prolonged where action was necessary as in Mr. Crowninshield & M. Patterson. But shortened where less active employments & provision from parents, as in Watson & Dodge.

Mr. Parish, the political zealot of Essex, has been offered to the public notice by an engraving & character in the *Polyanthos* of Boston. We might be led to think him something from this notice. His neighbor and his superior Mr. Popkin has given with his sermon on time & afflictions a Thanksgiving Sermon in which he has avoided all personalities & rudeness. The following sentence with which he closes his Th. Sermon, 1813, will betray his feelings. "As to our public affairs, which are mostly affairs of war, they are the subjects of continual discourse & publication. I shall only say, that I cannot rejoice in the calamities of my country, even if they are deserved; nor in her successes, unless I am satisfied that the Cause is good." My soul wait thou only upon God, &c.

25. Mr. Alden of N. Y. formerly of Portsmouth, N. H. & of Marblehead. He has with him the plan of a Biographical work, has lately finished the Catalogue of the N. York Historical Society into which I have been introduced, & has a project of a settlement at a place to be called Aldenburg, upon the Alleghaney, 90 miles from Pittsburg & about 30 from Presque Isle, Erie. He had all the locations & plans with him.

28. One of the Grand Turk's prizes, a Schooner, with provisions from Halifax to Bermuda, has arrived at Portsmouth. The

stock on deck was lost. This is a rare occurrence now, the arrival of a prize. The Brig G. Turk is considered as the best sailer we have from this port. In privateering many complaints are against the Agents, & one was dropped at the end of this cruise. Whether there be uncommon frauds, or this be an artifice of the owners upon the jealousy of the sailors, is conjective without evidence. It is plain the laws of distribution are lax enough.

30. Sunday. Charles' day. It would have done better for 1660 for the change. In the morning cloudy. Mild at 9 A. M., pleasant & thawing in the middle of the day. A cold snow gust after 5 P. M. & then cold, severely cold at once. Was it an emblem of the political gust it celebrates. Dr. Parker of Bradford gave me a singular account of the late Mr. Dutch, minister at that place. He describes him as having genius without learning, zeal without honesty, diligence without an object, & as a man that no man can describe & therefore no obituary notice has been taken of him. I told him that D. told me he was a year fitting for college, not much longer at it, & in a year settled. Dr. P. said he had told him a different story. That of his tales he kept no memory. That he had lost all his property by speculation & was a bankrupt. That his eldest son was in Boston goal & the next an idiot with him & in the care of the town.

A singular history of the Universalists. The tricks of the builders who inveigled the rich Owners to endorse, & then obliged them to sue to prevent a total loss as Mr. H. Rhust who sued & recovered, told me, deprived the poor & the many, of the confidence of the rich, so that the first reckoning was short, as well as the house in debt. It has now so happened that a Mr. Kneeland, a preacher of the denomination, has married a mercantile lady of Salem, named by marriage Osborne, who has 2 children, while Kneeland has 7 children & the lady prefers her shop to his at Charlestown. He therefore, to keep both hands at work, has proposed to give his shop at Charlestown to Turner the Univ. of Salem. To satisfy the exchange of their heavy boot in the exchange of the Illiterati, K. has promised to be cheaper than T. for the convenience of the situation. T. takes his chance which has at least this advantage as it gives him an honourable & quiet retreat into the Country again. We must confess our order has not added to its dignity by these adventures. It is the same with the Free Baptist. A woman of reputation & incapable of guile told me that a poor widow when the minister Rand from the back woods quartered because he preached for nothing, had sent repeatedly to her shop, which contained only a few articles by which her friends assisted her, & had run in debt 75 cents for bread to give the minister. She sent word that she could not be distressed on the occasion for such a boarder, & she must give up the customer as she could trust no longer. The minister promises to marry the widow's daughter. But the widow

is stark naked. A sister of small income gives her the rent of the tenement in which she lives & she complains that the sister will not encroach upon her capital to help her, while she & her daughters attend only to the gracious words which come from their new preacher's mouth. Such are the blessed effects of preaching for nothing, applauded by these wretches.

Mr. Alden, who was with me in the past week, brought me with the notice of admission a Catalogue of the Books already collected by N. Y. Historical Society, from which it appears that the principal printing of Am. works has been in the Northern part of the Union. The same T. Alden formed the Catalogue of the Mass. Hist. Society with comparatively little assistance from any other person. Mr. McKeen, now Professor at Cambridge, gave some assistance but the excellent index was altogether the labour of Dr. James Freeman of the Chapel Church, Boston. Mr. Alden has succeeded better in his first than in his second attempt. The well known & candid Dr. Samuel Miller is Corresponding Secretary, & John Pintard, Esqr., Recording Secretary. Dr. Miller has encouraged the hope that he would publish a history of New York State but Mr. Alden says from his new appointment has declined the labour of this work. He is the author of the View of the past Century.

February 1, 1814. We hear that our little Privateer, Capt. W. Rice in the *Stark*, has taken a Sugar prize which had reached a port in Carolina, as letters from the prize master declared. This is a seasonable reward for the great expences this small Vessel had created.

3. Had the pleasure of seeing the flying shuttle at work in a loom in Curtis st. This invention is a happy one, & this is the first loom I have seen at work in the east part of Salem since I have been an inhabitant above 30 years. Another is moving near the Neck which has been contrived & executed by a poor man, roughly indeed, but unaided by tools, or money or friends. We hope a spring will be given to domestic industry. We have a Scotchman named Gray, at Lynn, who is an excellent artificer in iron & has been employed with great success on special occasions. He lives a solitary life upon the discharge of the brook from Flax pond running towards Lynn river, & on this brook he has a wheel for his purposes. His history is unknown & therefore we cannot tell how much he owes to a European education. It is suspected that his habits are not regular, tho' at times he seems to observe an uncommon temperance.

5. It was announced this day that the firm of Richardson in this town had failed, in consequence of the spirit of speculation which has lately obtained & which has had a sudden check. It is not yet known how far this evil extended. Much has been expected from bad speculation but not in this quarter,

6. Sunday. The Bankruptcy of the Sons of N. Richardson has been attended with deep interest to our religious community. The mother has been one of the most exemplary women in her ceaseless charities to our poor, & indeed by her contributions on all the opportunities which have offered to her, so as to be as prominent for her virtues, as the best disposition could render her. From the confidence she had in her children she has endorsed their bills & is now exposed to all the vexations of their numerous creditors, with what event time must disclose. The father N. R. came from Woburn, a tanner, & carried on all the branches which belong to that lucrative trade. With great health, strength, & industry he acquired a great estate & perished while interfering in the removal of a building in Daniel's street, in a case in which he had lent his oxen. Five sons succeeded to his estate which at his death amounted to 80,000 dollars, an uncommon sum anywhere at that time. Three of the sons had the eager pursuit of the father & two had the mild manners of the mother. From the eldest, the father expected much but he soon became involved without any kind opinions of his maxims & disposition, & he removed to Baltimore. Two of the sons placed themselves at Portland & two at Salem. One of them at Salem had the highest reputation for his Mercantile arrangements, the other was as bold an adventurer as is commonly to be found. At Portland, one was mild but the other united a haughtiness to the deficiency of his social maxims. In one common distress it is supposed they are all involved. Our first care is for the worthy mother whom they have plunged into strange perplexities. We are told we are to expect yet future Bankruptcies as surprising as these. By an Overseer I am told that in 220 cases supplies of wood have been made to the town. The present times operate most unfavourably to the middle class.

8. A privateer arrived at Salem belonging to Portsmouth. A Prize below. After an arrival at Boston of several days, nothing but whispers have transpired. The British prisoners from the Portsmouth privateer were brought to the Guard Ship this day. A vessel under Portuguese colours, said to have injured her rudder upon the rocks, was piloted from our shore into Cape Ann. A vessel like a flag of truce was seen from our shores.

10. We have now in our harbour the Grand Turk, a fast sailing Brig Privateer fit for sea, the Syren, a U. S. Sloop of War, 16 guns, Capt. Parker sick on shore, the Fox, a privateer from Portsmouth from a successful cruise, & the Cartel Bostwick, a large transport ship from Halifax, & she has landed several hundred soldiers, who were this day sent into Boston. We have not had a naval force for some time. The prisoners restored were in a very destitute condition, & loaded with vermin. They were sent on to Charlestown to the places assigned by government. The high bounty given for enlistments, we are told, are not without the de-

sired success, & we are assured that ship building will go on with great speed immediately. The Argus was launched at Washington lately & a Frigate is nearly ready. Six vessels of war have been launched since the last establishment.

11. This day we saw the melancholy consequences of the Bankruptcy of Saturday last in the family noticed on Sunday. On Monday the family of the son was removed to the house of his mother. The endorsements had involved his widow mother, his father in law lately deceased, his brother in law, & his own brothers, & the sums he had borrowed upon endorsed notes were from widows, Maidens, & Orphans all known to be in capacity to put at interest sums left for their support. From proper information it was found that a younger B[rother], not careful of his language upon social obligations, had advised him to stop payments, requiring that no person should be in the secret, & in this manner the arrangement was made. What purposes it involved time may discover, but no inquiries had been made. At his mother's, the greatest disquiet was seen in his inattention to his six children, in his refusal of his usual food, & in the most painful expressions of his anguish, particularly that as his father had accumulated for his children that he should be the principal cause of the loss of what he had provided. The decorum of manners & language, & the diligence & silence of pursuit, had exempted him from any suspicion of his integrity or good condition. Hence the present state without a single demand must be attributed to advice. In great distress & expression which discovered a much disturbed mind, he passed the week, & last night seemed more quiet, probably having matured his purpose. This morning he rose with the family & dressed himself completely & walked to the store back of the house. It was supposed that he was not long gone, but it is probably nearly an hour. His youngest boy was sent to call him to breakfast. The alarm was given, a younger brother from Portland ran, but he had hanged himself irrecoverably. He fastened a cod line to an iron hoop laying upon the landing of the upper stairs, & let him down by the side of the open stairs into the apartment below. I was sent for to comfort the mother, who is entitled to care, if in this last scene the distribution of his effects be not so partial as to dishonour his friend. She blames herself justly for giving up her interest in her children implicitly, & so for betraying them inadvertently into dangerous speculations. The truth, however, may be that the example of the father, who knew all the advantages of trade, may have occasioned all the aberrations we can discover. It is the first time that I have been called to such a scene in my own charge excepting in the case of actual derangement from animal causes in a tender female.

14. This day Mr. Jesse Richardson buried. It snowed but many present. The most interesting events are the attempts at

petitions to engage the Legislature in some desperate deeds. Still considering the pains taken very little has yet been done. A few, & but a few towns have petitioned & the malevolence has been almost childish. In our County, Newbury began & Newburyport followed, without an energy. The work was tried in vain at Gloucester. All the other parts of the County presume on nothing.

16. The bounty on prisoners brings in many seamen. The Embargo hastens home many captives from an ill supplied enemy. The enlistments are ready from the generous pay of the Army. To Gen. J. Stark, Manchester, N. H. Salem, Mass., U. S. A. Feb. 16, My good General, I have presumed to send with my packet of this date, a view of the armed vessel from this port named by the owners The General Stark, in memory of the first person who effectually checked the military pride of the British in America in the war of the Revolution. The naval enterprise of our citizens obliged every invention to assist the swift motion of Vessels, & in Salem a Capt. Morgan gave a plan of a light vessel in Nov., 1812, of 225 tons. His success called for another attempt on a new construction & the Levant method of rigging was accommodated to it. In that form in which she is represented "the Gen. Stark" went to sea, but upon her return took the New England rigging called the Schooner, a name given at Gloucester from its movement when first invented, It schooners. How well she looks! The change was to suit the habits of the seamen. She is now on her cruise under the command of Capt. William Rice of Salem, a worthy young man, & one of her prizes of considerable value has arrived at Carolina. I have ventured to add one of the most pleasant caricatures that I have ever seen. I could not obtain a print, & I begged my female pupil to copy it. It has suffered nothing from her pencil. The Gen. Stark was taken by a Capt. Carnes & the last touches were from the hand of the female who gave the likeness of Gen. Stark, &c. from your chaplain, W. B.

17. Arrived one of our false Portuguese Vessels. Voyage not a good one. The false papers & false Colours of American Vessels have not run in the general opinion very profitable voyages. But they have given us ample proof of how feeble resistance law or sentiment can make to the pursuit of gain, if they are not urged by fear of detection & positive punishment. The public character is upon a level. Visited a Mrs. Bayley, says from Queenstown, a Lewis. Sister in Myrtle St., Boston, an Ellis. She had been in convulsions. Has two children. Says formerly lived in Salem. Found at John Babbidge's, four Children, a son and 3 dau. of Col. Archer cast upon the charity of this Tradesman, the first wife's brother. He has above 20 persons in his family. The second wife of the Col. lives in Salem with her 3 children & was from Liverpool, Nova Scotia, McNutt. Capt. Steward's wife, who was from Lisbon, lives & keeps boarders in Williams street. He was related to the family of Collins & came also from Liverpool.

18. Sailed from this port the Syren, U. S. A. vessel & Grand Turk, one of our fast sailing armed vessels, & the Frolic at the same time sailed from Boston. The Frolic was lately built & this is her first voyage. The Tenedos has been seen lately in our Bay, & an armed vessel in company belonging to the British Navy.

20. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Eunice Richardson with her ch. & g. children, d. of her son Jesse, pr. for her eldest son Nath. at Baltimore. Three sons Joshua, Israel & William with her. The occasion the suicide of 11 instant by which Jesse, aet. 37, deprived his five children of a guide. His wife died this season & his wife's father. The widow esteemed one of the best of women. John Dodge & wife, d. of b. in law Richardson & pr. for his br. Joshua in France. These are the only two brothers of this family & they have two sisters who yet are living. Rebecca Allen, d. of her husband Capt. John Allen who died in the hospital at Halifax where he was a prisoner, taken as Sailing Master of the Cossac, Capt. Upton, of Salem. Two children are left, one by each wife, the last a son born since the absence of the husband. A sweet woman left destitute. She was a Gardiner of Salem without parents. Henry Allen & wife, d. of his brother, & pr. for friends absent. This is the only son left of the children of Capt. Ed. Allen's last wife. The br. by the first wife who married a Fiske, has been carried into Halifax, & left Salem sometime since under some painful circumstances. The sister, Mrs. Porter, has a son in captivity in England. Widow Mansfield, aet. 75, in the Charity house, with a broken limb, prayers. She was brought by her husband, a fisherman, from Wilmington, N. C., upon one of his voyages & lived some time in the family of Capt. M. Townsend, & afterwards with Simon Lamb, & has been 7 y. in the town charge. A woman of inoffensive abilities, maiden name Elizabeth Wallace.

21. I received a Letter from David Pearce Esqr., of Gloucester, in which at my request he informs me of the ship General Stark which in 1780 took the Quebec ships. I asked as I wished to transmit to Gen. Stark a representation of said ship built under the direction of the owner & named in honour of his public services by the voluntary act of D. P. It seems she captured 3 large Ships from London for Quebec valued at 400,000 D. According to his letter the ship was built under his own direction & "on one Cruise in three weeks she sent me 300,000 dollars as my part, I having sold some part of her. She was a Ship of 350 tons, 20 guns on her lower deck, 8 guns on her half deck, 2 on her fore-castle. A very fast sailor, & very stiff. I named her in honour of Gen Stark." The outline I gave to Capt. W. Carnes to give me an outline of her for the Gen[eral].

24. Some notice that the spot in Byfield is still to be distinguished which belonged to the first Ezekiel Rogers of Rowley, who came with first settlers. That a Chair of Noyes & Parker is

still at the father's of late Dr. Little in Newbury. That the first Woodberrys settled upon Wenham Neck & a branch went early to Ipswich. That Cogswell was the first settler at Chebaco. All these circumstances given me may deserve attention in our antiquities.

25. Capt. Bowditch living in Turner St. below Derby st. informed me this day that he had begun the work of the Britania Ware, which had been carried on for several months with success in Beverly. The manufacture is of zinc & tin, & is rolled out. The articles to which the manufacture is at present confined are teapots & cream cups, & the present demand makes it profitable. From this notice I passed to Beverly & visited Mr. Trask who introduced the manufacture into that place. He was a goldsmith & jeweller, & employs about a dozen hands, & sells his work in Boston. Just above his works a Mr. Smith, formerly a cabinet maker, who has gone to the same extent of the same business & the persons he employs are seamen & fishermen. They seem to be pleased with the present success & both of them sell to the same dealers in Boston. From these factories I passed to Mr. Chapman's file manufactory near the Lower Meeting house. The steels are prepared in Chelmsford, & the cutting is done at this place. The work gives satisfaction & this visit afforded me great pleasure. I took tea at Mrs. Homan's & returned. At the Brit[ania] ware factory the engraving was done with great facility by tools Mr. Traske made. Mr. Traske says he found the English tin much less yielding to fire & hammer than the Indian Tin. Mr. Smith had removed his bellows from his furnace. By accident the nose having left the hole & a fracture on the top of the door giving motion to the air, he found as good a blast as his bellows gave him, & for the metals he used, this blast was sufficient. He showed me one experiment & it was simple & sufficient & ingenious.

27. Sunday. Note. Miriam Manning & children, d. of her husband's brother at Ipswich, John Manning, husbandman, aet. 73. This was the native place of her husband & he died on the homestead $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles this side the town, pr. for d. six. She has been long afflicted with the loss of voice & now the affection takes the form of disease. Warren of Boston has been consulted with Ph[ysicians] of the town & they represent it a Chronic Quinsey. Two sons are absent upon their lands near Sebago in Raymond town. She out of health. In Wenham they supply the pulpit by the week by one Mr. Kimball, a resident graduate among them. Mr. Dow lately of Beverly, occasionally supplies Gloucester. They are hearing candidates at Topsfield and Middleton. Several vacancies in Essex which will not soon be supplied. The plan of exchanging the Salem Universalist for the Charlestown one it seems is matured, & the work is to be finished by consent of all parties. The congregation is not distinguished by its partialities beyond the name. The great zeal which Thurston enflamed in Manchester has cooled.

The present state of the neighbourhood is less disturbed than for several years, tho' we are under all the circumstances which incur mental diseases. Mr. Gaulaudet the Hugonot, I was told went away satisfied. He had been a tutor at Yale, & is said to take high rank among the candidates assembled at Andover.

28. We have most favourable accounts of the enlistments in this neighbourhood. Even the Newbury P. paper says the recruiting officer says he has filled his corps. Seaman had rather enter the Army than venture on the Ocean in private vessels as they cannot get their prizes into the ports of the United States. The John Adams is ready to sail from New York with the Ministers for Gotenburg. The Comet of Baltimore has distinguished herself. The Constellation tried to set to sea from Norfolk but did not succeed.

March 1, 1814. The Farmer Dickinson has made a happy use of the history of the Russian Mediation to affront the declarations of Pickering, who can have no apology for his unqualified assertions. The permission for Vessels to return to their own ports, that were at the time of the Embargo found in other ports, has occasioned seizures. Some busy men who had a mind to make work for lawyers have told these deluded men, who were disposed to go without leave, that they had no business at the Custom House. One coaster of this Port coming without licence from Cape Ann has been seized at this Port. It is reported the master was so advised by F. Blake, the Att. Gen. of Massachusetts. Another vessel left the same place for Boston. This advice is for a future dispute. Even Dexter, the Rep. Candidate says the Embargo is not Constitutional.

2. Capt. Strout, who was with Haraden in the Pickering, last war, & lately returned from the prison at Halifax, spent the last evening with me, on the subject of his cruises. Saw at E. Bowditch's happy specimens of fancy buttons for female dresses of silk and wool.

3. The idea of opposition [is] being maintained in all our measures of Mass. The Gen. Government were refused the public prison. In consequence a place of confinement was asked of Marblehead. Here also resistance or refusal was contemplated but the firmness of the inhabitants discovered that this was no place for rebellion or resistance. Our Gen. Court has risen. The 20 th. men have not been raised. The resistance has not been made, & the nomination of one of their own party in Mr. Dexter has thrown confusion into the whole plan. It is now publicly excused, that they did nothing with their petitions, that the hopes of negotiation, &c., had rendered it improper to hazard the charge of preventing the peace they wished. So we go!

4. Every day I am obliged to give certificates of births & marriages for the unhappy prisoners detained in British custody under pleas of being subjects of that nation. In most cases from some

causes duplicates have been required. Whether from new orders or to give the utmost security to the documents is not explained. This day about 250 prisoners from the Lakes were marched into this town to take passage in the Cartel now at this port for Halifax. I went into the country house of Mr. Crowninshield to see them put on board the Cartel. I was not in season to see the Germans. The English did not appear in high character. Many of them were of the 49th regiment, & one soldier says he was in the regiment when the regiment was stationed at Boston before the Revolution. One Graner, said he conceived highly of Warren for his lines. In fact, Gen. Stark blames his little fort, & wondered that lines were not preferred. This soldier was an Irishman & talked of Homer, an education with Lord Wellington, St. Eyre Coote & such like, but he was in the ranks tho' he assured me he had taken the tour of Europe. A byestander observed that he seemed like an Irish lawyer, who said he had plead in many a court, who was asked whether he plead guilty or not guilty. Several women & children attended this body of prisoners & all of them appeared in quite a destitute condition. They all talked of desertion as was said.

6. Sunday. Note. Richard Palfrey & wife & children, p. death of his daughter Eliza, aet. 22, pr. for his sons absent & for himself weak & low, in a dangerous consumption. This man has lived in a singular manner. He has property, industry, & temperance but he lives with a woman he has never married, & his children appear to have had no just share of his affection. He provides food abundantly but no cloathing or other accommodations suited to his condition. A very singular case. Of Widow Whitford, aet. 80, firm to her first friendships, we had no notice as her only daughter has turned Anabaptist, & has been rebaptised. Not worthy of her mother. The Widow Mary Gale, aet. 90, who died in Salem this week, was a sister of Robert Hooper, who lived on the corner of Bridge street, then ferry lane, & exactly where the present street runs. He lived a single life till he was aged & his very aged mother lived with him. Of both notice is taken at a former date. This Sister has posterity in town. For many years she prepared pomatum, blacking & such articles & sold them from her basket in the street. She died under care of her children in Williams street.

The first day in which the Third Edition of our Psalms & Hymn Books appeared in the Congregation. The purchase & subscription for this edition was wholly conducted by the Treasurer Jonathan Archer, from whom I must obtain its history & expence as it was printed at a Boston press. I learn from a dau. of Revd. W. Grenough, Newton, that near the falls, in his parish, a little English Church is building supposed by contributions & aid in Boston. The British expect to extend their influence by this instrument of their power. Judge Parsons' library sold at a high price last week

or such part as they chose to sell, reserving the law books for a future opportunity.

7. Capt. R. Ward shewed me Wedgewood's Copy Book, which gives at writing a duplicate of every letter. It has the defects I expected of a faint copy & of great ease which it requires in the use, which robs it of its simplicity. They who are in great hurry may as well repeat their writing. He also shewed me a prize of three paintings by [George] Ropes, the dumb man, representing the action of Perry on Lake Erie. The commencement, middle & end of the Action. These prize paintings become common. Mr. Fisher disposed of his im[itation] of Claude in same way, & so commanded what he judged the value of his painting.

8. Mr. Rantoul of the Ins. Office, furnished me with tables of all the prizes brought into Salem since the War & of all the Privateers which had sailed from this port. The Privateers are given with their names, commanders, guns & men, with remarks on their capture by the enemy. Time of sailing is yet to be added. The prizes are with the names, commanders, prize masters & cargoes. The Privateers till this day and date are in the list 31 & the prizes are numbered at 88. The fast sailing schooner built at New York on the Baltimore outline with improvements, the Diomedé, John Crowninshield, Commander, reached this port this morning. The sight of this vessel was interesting as it combines so many objects in such small compass. The hull is sharp but the beam large. The sails catch every breath, & are of great extent, & work in every direction.

10. This week died at her farm in Danvers, Elizabeth Derby, aet. 52, formerly wife of Nathaniel West, merchant of this town, from who she has been for many years divorced. As the history of a divorce is a novelty, especially in New England among any families which have any claim to reputation, rank, antiquity or wealth, it is noticed here. This was the elder dau. of E. H. Derby, an eminent merchant, late of Salem. The match when formed was against the will of her parents, but sought in resistance to the most pointed opposition at home. The intercourse was at Aunt Gibaut's. See former account. At length the marriage was consummated & many children born. The domestic disputes ran high & were disclosed by the woman in all companies & for all purposes. At length it was agreed that an action for divorce should be brought & no circumstance of scandal was forgotten. The divorce was granted. Since, the woman has told her tale over all New England. Lived in many public places. Been the sport of the thoughtless, without any charge but ag. her discretion as a woman of understanding, guiltless of all the low vices, but those of defamation & of the tongue. Her last retirement was to her farm as she had rendered herself unwelcome to any private family or boarding house. She has decorated it, furnished it, been long sick in it, & has died in it.

Her hundred thousand pounds is to be distributed among her children. Her plate was elegant & the pieces multiplied beyond example in this part of the Country. She is to be brought from the farm & buried in Salem on the morrow & in the family tomb, tho' it is said she declined this place of interment, &c. &c. &c.

11. This day was buried, in a manner as different from our customs as she had lived, E. Derby. The body was brought from her farm in Danvers in the Danvers hearse, followed by seven coaches & 2 chaises. None but the relatives attended excepting a Minister. The most singular of all was the attention awakened by the endless tales abroad of what she had said in refusing the family tomb. But it seems at last she acquiesced to lodge with her Ancestors. This day the Cartel Bostock sailed from Salem for Halifax with 300 prisoners, chiefly soldiers. She has laid sometime at anchor in the harbour waiting for her prisoners. One of the seamen has died & one of the soldiers is buried on the Neck near the Hospital.

12. Care taken to carry important manufactures into Cities. An act in Mass. has lately passed for a Glass & Porcelain Co. in Boston. And the late acts included nearly 30 which have as an object some manufacture in some part of the State, but a considerable number in the Old Colony which has long been undistinguished since it was incorporated with our Mass. From the acts we learn besides the Fishery, attention is again turned to the shell fish of Billingsgate, as they were called in my day in Boston Market, now Wellfleet, in Barnstable county. Since I can remember, this part of Cape Cod supplied the best oysters. They have of late years almost entirely disappeared & we have been supplied from New York. This has been occasioned altogether by the ignorance & rapacity of the bay fishery, no regard being paid to the beds or the season, but the fish were disturbed at all times & in any way that the instant supply might incline. This is a subject worthy of Legislative interference.

13. Sunday. The most singular occurrence of the present moment is the dispute between Dr. Morse, Geography writer, & Mrs. H. Adams of the same calling. The pious Doctor, quite insufficient from his own resources, as Mr. F. has abundantly shewn in his review of the first edition of his Geography, has been uncommonly jealous of any use of his compilation. This credulity has never impaired his avarice, or his stealing from other authors given him a will to indulge the second theft from his own. Good Dr. Belnap told me M. took all the popular part of his own Hist. of N. E. and M. ingrafted it upon his own Geography and never even made him the gift of a Copy, tho' in his neighbourhood, & tho' Dr. B. was nearly ruined by the publication, the popular sale of which M's theft prevented. So after Winterbotham's Collection, made in prison in England, was republished in America, he ruined the publisher in New York by a prosecution under his own patent as

W. had made use of Morse's work among other books. In the Hist. Society, upon the best authority, he employed a Licence to print a map to purchase one for his own work. And in the first meeting of the Antiq. Society his first motion was to search for the mounds, & tho' prevented from any expenses he has facilitated his own correspondence by the use of their name. He sold an infamous publication about the Ocean to a political party to take advantage of their madness, & tho' the lie about that Ship was proved, never retracted. He sold editions of paltry pamphlets about the Illum[inati] from Robertson & Barruel, & never made any acknowledgements to the public. He also attacked the Masons & pretended from an engraved seal to convict them of guilty purposes, but never made any concessions after their public vindication of themselves which his arraignment obliged them to make on many occasions. Dr. Osgood, his neighbour, said he meddled in some loans he had made to Charlestown & tho' the justice of the Law had satisfied the parties, this man made no satisfaction. He has even sent a creditor of my father to me, to get a debt which a brother by taking the estate has bound himself to pay, to create trouble & now he is busy with H. Adams. This modest woman induced by her father, a peddling bookseller, but a very useful man in collecting valuable books from private libraries, had published a History of N. England, and several other little works for her support & the public mind was favorable to her. An abridgement of her H. of N. E. was recommended but Morse & Parish have interfered with her design ungenerously. He has brought the matter before the world in the Boston Centinel & she has replied with spirit. She now claims a further explanation & the controversy with him is endless, he is never done. He has at present a controversy with the distillers of the State for distilling grain. His hand is against every man. It is time he was fully known.

14. The election of this day ended with great dishonour to our Republicans. The whole number of votes was reduced from 18 to 11 hundred, & the Rep. brought only 4 h. to the polls.

15. Much was said of doing better this day, but the numbers were nearly the same. The opposition party used every effort by carriages & favours to increase their majority but not the least appearance of energy was in the leaders of the friends of the Union. We are told even the scanty numbers were chiefly from Northfields, & volunteers. We have thus lost all the police officers of Salem for the present year.

16. We have notice of the d. of Mary, eldest d. of my Colleague Revd. James Diman at her sister Green's in Malden, aet. 68. Two sons & a d. remain. A son of Revd. Staunton above 90 years of age & grandchildren of Revd. W. Jennison. One a physician at Cambridge.

17. The most interesting domestic news to our section of Salem

is the condemnation of Prizes under British Licences, which gives to the E. part of Salem above half a million of dollars. These cases, long depending, were carried by appeal to Washington & in the Sup. C. the Judges were agreed. The Privateer America & the Boat Jefferson are deeply interested in these decisions.

18. I walked to Christopher Osgood's on Mason place, above the Brown, now Derby farm, on the height of land, to see his progress in making lead pencils. He was not at home, but his wife shewed me a piece of one of his pencils. It was well formed & the lead was soft, & fit for writing. She informed me that he had made none for sale, & that she was not at liberty to sell any in his absence. I did not obtain a sight of any thing but of the pencil which pleased me. Southfields are much improved. Derby was cutting down the tops of his poplars, which takes much from their appearance. The straight road, & the houses which have been lately built, allow the present generation to have but a very imperfect conception of the former state of this portion of Salem. A second example of Somnambulism within a year. The case noticed in Daniels street was in known connections with bad habits & intemperance. In the latter case the charge is less direct, but it happened on the Guard ship, after eating a very hearty supper of clams, probably not without something else. In the first case the man was climbing from an upper chamber window & fell into the street. In the latter he walked out at the door which led to the steps of the Guard ship & killed himself by the confusion against the steps & fell into the water. In both cases from indigestion & probably from intemperance.

20. Our last news from Philadelphia was of the d. of Revd. George Richards. We may justly place this man at the head of the Sect of Universalists in America. He was the son of a Lawyer in Rhode Island & my first knowledge of him was from some manuscript sermons said to have been delivered in one of our ships during the American war. He was then excentric. His imagination was active, his learning was not deep, his style inflated, but his tongue flowed with a torment of words. It was not like the sturdy pines over a water fall, but like the loosened rocks of Niagara when a new burden of the swelling lake refused the old path of waters, & wears a passage for the rocks. His endless ministrations will display the language of his eloquence. The scene of his labours was Portsmouth, N. H. & it was exactly suited for him, if any point could be for a man who had no settled point at all. He began in a small house & soon had a handsome one but a love of change carried him from home. He has not distinguished himself in controversy, but he has been popular, & had printed orations, dissertations, newspapers & pamphlets. He had a brother who died in Salem, in humble condition, whose sallies of wit were known to persons of every name, & they were sure upon first notice. I have

repeatedly noticed him in my Journal, administered the charities of his brother, & performed the last offices for him at the close of his life. Nothing could prevent G[eorge] from trying his fortune in Philadelphia. His imagination was more alive on this subject than on any other, & he had followed it all his days without rest. His reception was kind & his expectations great. But nothing could feed his imagination. He wrote to me of his Masonic Magazine. The Ceremonial of this Order was exactly in the style of his thoughts. It was never out of the Lodge any thing but what his imagination made it. He never could copy himself & he was here at full liberty. But the Magazine was soon tiresome to him & he had no fit materials for it, as he had nothing but his own imagination to fill it. In two years it died & then not his own. His situation soon became forlorn. He lost his wife, became blind, & is now dead & gone.

21. A proud day for our Naval Adventures. The arrival of three prizes of the Diomedé, John Crowninshield, & the rich prizes of the America, of the firm of Crowninshield, are all notices of the highest consequence to our seamen.

24. Our fishermen now begin to bring in their fish as the article in the Embargo restricting the use of the bay boats is now changed to a greater licence. The benefit is, however, small because the open row boats bring in enough when properly employed for the public wants, as is seen in the price which continues at the usual winter price of three cents lb. for Cod, & 6 cents for a haddock. Other fish, except the eels & flat fish of our harbours, are seldom seen in winter & they are not desired when the Cod, as in winter, is in perfection.

25. In the course of the past week a Neutral law evading Spanish Coloured Boston Brig was driven ashore at Kettle Cove. The inhabitants of Manchester & of the neighbourhood came up to the complete character of barbarians. They plundered in open day in whole gangs not only the cargo but the rigging, cables, private cloathing & even the scanty provisions of the crew, & even forced the provisions of the Crew when sitting upon their bread to protect it. It is fortunate for the republicans, no person of the name lives in the neighbourhood, or it would have been attributed to their principles.

27. Sunday. Notes. Sarah Chever & Daughter, d. of her husband, Capt. Samuel Chever. Mr. Chever died upon the homestead. His father Peter, held the corner of Brown & Winter street, and Capt. Samuel was born in the house last owned by Capt. Joseph Pratt, one of the heirs by marriage. Horton, after whom Skerry's point was last named, was born in the old mansion, now moved into Oliver's street & refitted. Horton perished in a snow storm about the time of my first coming to Salem. Mrs. Chever was a Ring, born at Portsmouth, N. H., removed in infancy to Scar-

borough or Black point, aet. 62. Her mother is now living at Black point above 90 years of age. S. Chever, aet. 76, last October. Israel Ward, d. of his wife, pr. for brother in law Plant at sea. She was a Murray, d. of Peter & her mother a Webb. She died, aet. 34. She held the effects of Aunt Cowen, who has given occasion to the proverb, "It was not so in Aunt C's day," as she often observed in her old age to the young around her. Wid. Mansfield left no person to put up a note for her.

Report is that George Richards, noticed particularly last Sunday, did not die by disease but by his own hands. Deprived of all the hopes of his ambition, & neglected among strangers, having forsaken his friends, being bereaved of his wife, & destitute of sight, it is said deranged, perhaps overwhelmed, he could submit to the storms of life no longer. A strange application of the doctrine of an all forgiving God, who would be sure to be good as we wish at last. It is to be feared George had been too excentric to know himself well & his hopes. Gov. Alston at the request of both branches of the Leg. of S. Carolina, has appointed the same day for a Thanksgiving, that our Gov. has for a Fast, April 7 next. After reading the proclamation for the one I read the other in the Congregation that our friends might chuse in what way they would observe the day & that no prejudices at the depending elections might interfere with the due observation of the day. The conduct at Manchester is a strange comment upon the great work in that place. In the last year almost all were converted, & to a man they were pronounced by their votes opposed to Democracy. But the abominable thefts which have been committed, & the open violation of property in the time of distress, in open day, not by individuals but in large clans, discover that their religion is indeed as far from their morality as they have freely declared it ought to become. If they get to heaven in their imaginations by their faith, they will not get the confidence of their neighbours by their good deeds. The Newspaper calls them Algerines of the worst possible description.

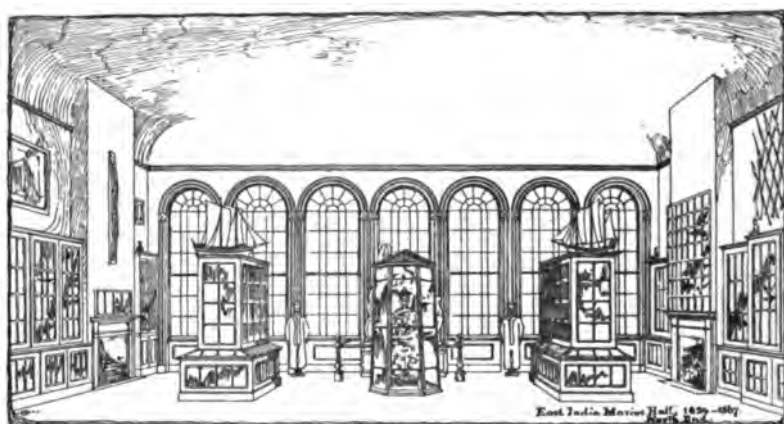
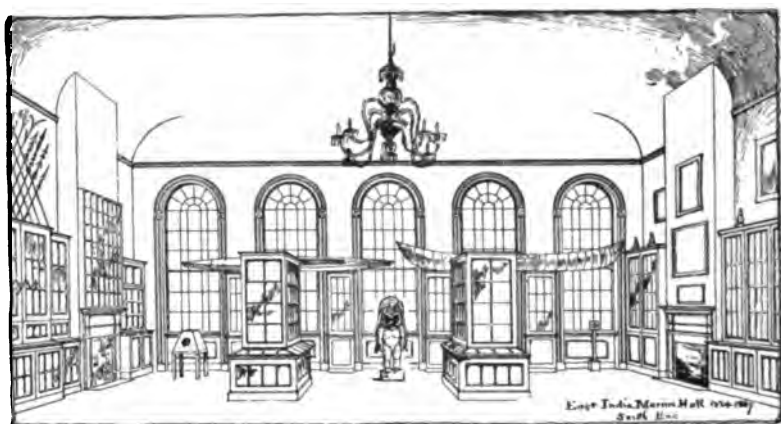
29. An attempt is made to apologise for Manchester that the place was upon the limit of their town & that they had only a part in the plunder. The plea is political because Manchester is said to be the only town in Essex which obeys the voice of opposition, without one person to contradict. How is this & that together? Last Sunday after reading Gov. Strong's proclamation for the Fast of April 7 ensuing, I read the Pr. of Gov. of S. C. for a Thanksgiving on the same day without remarks or comment. The Gazette took notice of it this day, & the history of it as given in the Gazette is a specimen of party printing at the present day. Mr. B. "read a fragment", false, for he read every letter of the proclamation. First lie. "In such a manner as manifested much dissatisfaction." Another lie. Lie the second as he read it as well as he

could without any emotion. He "read off in great style" the pr. for Th. He read it worse than the other because the print was small and difficult. A third lie. He read it "from a newspaper which he took from his pocket". He never carries his notes in his pocket, nor did any newspaper appear & as the Proclamation was separated from everything else & sealed upon a fair sheet of writing paper, which alone could appear to the Congregation. A fourth lie. Again "Mr. B. said God save the U. S. A." This was no change because he has at all times said it. "And all the people say Amen, Amen." This is equivocally said to make the public believe that the people did respond, when not a voice was heard, & no such thing even thought of by the Congregation. So that six lies are found in one short paragraph.

31. Mr. B. Crowninshield & Judge Story have returned from Washington. They give favourable accounts of Pinckney & Dexter in their pleas before the Court. Mr. C. speaks highly of Grundy in the H. of Rep. as an Orator. They all agree to speak of the Clergy at Washington as inferior, particularly an old Brigade Chaplain named Jones, who preached in the Hall of the Reps. They commend the mind & manners of Pr. Madison, & pronounce his Lady to be one of the most beautiful & accomplished of women. The market they call inferior, & the progress of the City slow. This day several hundred troops passed through Salem to the eastward to be stationed on the lines. They looked well.

April 1, 1814. This day we had news of the arrival of one of our most successful Privateers, the America, at Portland. She belongs to the Crowninshields & is commanded by Captain Chever of this port. She has made a successful cruise & several of her prizes have arrived. The America has taken 12 prizes in this cruise, which is her third. In her three cruises she has taken 26 prizes, & the property which has arrived is valued above 11 hundred thousand dollars. She was commanded on her short cruise by Capt. Joseph Ropes, on her second by a Kehew, & on the last by Capt. James Chever, a young man & just over twenty years. The first cruise was under one of our best officers. In the second was a mutiny from the manners of the chief officer who was dismissed upon his return. Young Chever has been in the Ship before & after she became a Vessel of War. We were apprehensive for his youth but he has acquitted himself honourably in the opinion of all our citizens. Capt. Carnes favoured me with a drawing of the Ship Gen. Stark which was successful in 1780. The drawing is intended to be presented to the Gen. still living.

3. Sunday. This day at noon we had an alarm. The Constitution upon her return from her cruise was chased in our Bay & escaped by making a harbour at Marblehead. Our citizens of every name went over & the travelling cannon, 18s, were drawn to that port. The ships did not long keep near the shore & at sundown



EAST INDIA MARINE HALL, SALEM.

**The Museum as it appeared about 1840 from drawings made about 1885
and now in the possession of the Peabody Museum, Salem.**

as soon as the tide could serve, the Constitution was brought round to Salem harbour, as less accessible to heavy ships. She was safely brought round by the port pilot, Mr. Perkins, in the view of a great concurrence of spectators. Our evening service gave us the presence of only 8 men of the congregation & most of them were strangers to the notice which had been given by letter & not by ringing of bells, firing of guns or any other alarm, than by word of mouth.*

4. Our Prize Bill stood at the beginning of March last thus:
485 English Vessels arrived in the United States.

156 English Vessels destroyed.

7 English King's Packets. Six arrived, one ransomed.

65 American Vessels recaptured & arrived.

35 American Vessels with British Licences arrived.

Lt. Furbush of Salem Fort was very active yesterday. He went to Marblehead. Then to the Head Quarters to Col. Cushing & has from him the promise of military stores for future occasions. According to his account we were wretchedly deficient in this place. Capt. John Crowninshield was married to a Gd. of my Landlady at our house this afternoon. Much is expected from this match by all parties.

5. Attended at the funeral of Eliz., wife of Capt. John Archer, aet. 80. She was a Norris. Her mother was a sister to Peter Chever, father of Capt. S. Chever lately deceased & died over 100 years. She married as her first husband, Bigoe, then Mr. Norris & then Mr. Bickford. Mrs. Archer was by the second husband & so a Norris. I have never been able to trace this family. It must be part of the family of the old Minister & School Master Norris, but the records of the family are so imperfectly kept that tho' one of the family died very rich, I could get nothing. Aunt King, d. of a sister by Bickford, has promised to make such enquiries as I asked of her.

7. Our Annual fast. The Cong. very thin in the afternoon. Many were engaged in the preparations to receive publicly Capt. Steward of the Constitution, & some men have a singular inaptitude to Charitable occasions. Our Contrib. 61,80. We need such Men as Fiske & Hodges to urge the public attention to the Charities. The neglect is also strengthened by the party prejudices which appear in the proclamations. The reading of the proc. of Gov. of S. C. with the phlegmatic one of G. of Mass, had not the effect to be hoped from it. The contradiction rather ended in a contempt of a devotion which had such a recommendation, than any sympathy with those who celebrated national blessings & hopes in the solemnities. At sundown I visited Madison Hall for the first time to see the appropriate decorations for the morrow.

* See Diary, Vol. I, p. xxx.

8. The day appointed by the friends of the Administration of the Gen. Government to receive the Officers of the U. S. Ship the Constitution now in our Harbour. From his absence the Capt. Steward did not set the hour so that dinner was delayed from two to four o'clock. The Company assembled at Hon. B. Crowninshield's, Derby S., bet. Curtis & Orange st. We passed up with out ceremony to the Madison Hall in the Archer Building on Essex corner of Newbury street. The Hall was handsomely decorated. The Canopy over the Captain was supported by wreathed columns & decorated with the names of our naval heroes in gold Roman Capitals. In front was a large painting of the father & his Sons & the bundle of rods, which they break when apart, but not together with the label in gold capitals, Union of the U. S. The walls were festooned with evergreens & covered with a large collection of naval paintings which had been executed by Mr. Ropes & others in Salem. The floor was covered with sails, & the table was a curve with prolonged sides giving seats on within & without & open opposite to the seat of the Captain. Col. Lee did the honors of President. After the toasts, the Hall was cleared for the ball of the evening. All well done.

9. Capt. Steward behaved with ease & did justice to his rank. Lt. Hoffman left every impression in his favour. Capt. Henderson from Virginia had more of the officer as he had of whiskers but nothing unworthy of the Gentleman. The midshipmen looked like their children.

10. Sunday. Notes. James Archer, wife & Children, d. of their G. Mother Archer, mentioned on Tuesday last the day of her funeral. James is a son of Jonathan, brother of John, & married the eldest daughter of John. Both branches numerous. Late Col. Sam from another brother. Sara Knight, d. of her sister in law Archer. She was a sister of John the husband, pr. absent friends.

11. On Monday this day I visited the Constitution, laying off Naugus, in a private boat to avoid too large a company. I was handsomely received by Capt. C. Stewart who is from Philadelphia, Lt. Ballard from Baltimore, Lt. Hoffman from N. York, & Capt. Henderson of the Marines from Virginia, near Gen. Washington's. I found among the midshipmen a son of Rev. Bancroft of Worcester, who also is acting Chaplain. I found the cabin only parted by a duck screen unornamented, & having two 32 in it but better honoured by the Commanding Officer whose manners are beyond praise. We then passed to the gun deck, went to the ward rooms, to the staterooms, the apartments for the officers, the cook room, upper deck, & quarter deck. Everywhere I saw cleanliness, but no attempt at anything beyond convenience & accommodation. It is long since I was in an armed ship that I could not profit from comparison. We returned to the cabin & after the most pleasing civilities I was conveyed on shore in the barge. In the afternoon,

wishing to yield to the importunity of my pupil and friends, I ventured again with my female friends, who experienced all the attentions which could recommend so extraordinary situation. After all due attentions we returned in the Custom House boat in which we passed to the Ship accompanied with the men who had the care of the boat & with the pilot, Capt. Perkins, from whom we received every care for our best accommodation, as the weather was not the most delightful, & our visit was pressed from the knowledge of the arrival of the Boston pilots. We landed at the Crowninshield wharf at 5 o'clock.

12. This day we dined with the Officers of the Constitution at Dr. Stearns & with the Officers as guests were several much respected gentlemen among whom I found Mr. Dalton, the Collector of the Direct Tax, formerly of Newbury Newtown, & who possesses an uncommon vivacity at the age of 76 years. We could not have been entertained with a greater profusion of luxuries or in a better style. But it was a rich addition that so much expence was never better bestowed than upon such worthy & well behaved men. I went with Esqr. Sprague, son of Dr. Stearns, to accompany the Captain to his boat at nine o'clock, at the slip at the C. wharf, & felt rich in the honours I paid to so deserving an officer.

14. The topic is an armistice. A report abroad, authority unknown. The Constitution still is at anchor below the Haste, the winds continue southerly. Our papers are filled with all the threatenings the English please to utter, to intimidate the Government at the time it appears to yield. The public jealousies increase. Salmon is in the market at 50 cents pr. lb. Haddock in great plenty, not Cod.

15. The Gazette abuse the Messieurs Crowninshield who offered in 1798 the America & Belisarius to the Government on loan. From the Gazette of the former date it appears that the proposition was then thought honourable. We may impute the change of opinion to the new Agents who direct the paper & who have not leisure or ability to compare their own opinions much less those of their weak neighbors. It is well known that the Mess. C. have subscribed largely to the present loans, when the persons who censure them have refused. It is not however to be supposed that the Mess. C's are distinguished by their bounty, but as they have warmly espoused the Rep. cause they have a pride, which they will not abandon. They have unequal means, different propensities, but have springs enough for great energies. John lost his property by British capture & bears the loss heroically. G[eorge] has a great heart. See him in the affair of Lawrence.

17. Sunday. This day the Constitution Ship, which left our harbour & anchored below, left our anchoring ground & went for Boston. About sundown she was off Boston Light, & no ships were near, tho' it is said several were leeward off Cape Ann at some

distance. Capt. Henderson of the Marines in the Constitution, informed me of Weems, the author of the Life of Washington. It seems that this is a travelling preacher in Virginia, & as he represents, from the opinion of some good judges, not destitute of pulpit talents tho' the anecdotes of him give an excentricity hardly to be reconciled with the gravity of the pulpit. Such as digressions advising laws to free old bachelors. The Capt. says Weems had property, but put at liberty his slaves from conscience & reduced himself to beggary. That he carries about books for sale & buys his oats with Almanacs. That he carries his fiddle with him & while his beast is feeding, often amuses himself with his strings. Once he was asked by a Mountebank to play behind the scenes & the fall of the curtain exposed him to the view of the spectators. Capt. H. says since the sale of the glebes, preaching is lower than ever in Virginia. That the place of worship which Gen. Washington visited when living, he saw as he lately passed, without doors & windows, visited by the cattle, who found a shelter in it.

Mr. Parish is again out with his political Fast Sermon. The party flatters him so much that the boy is distracted. Our Episcopal Ch. of St. Peter has had one Adams, a Candidate, but he has too much of Bishop's Calvinism, to be highly acceptable to the assembly at that place. This day the Church was shut, & another Reader is expected. A Mr. Perry is preaching at the Branch, & Mr. Spaulding is preparing to decamp. This very weak man is undecided what part to take, & totally destitute of education he bears with great impatience the entire desertion of the thousands who listened to him. He imputes it to personal enemies & tries reconciliation to party & he tries conformity, but it is his total want of talents which is his infirmity.

18. The Armistice all the talk. What its propositions. Whether by land or sea. Mr. Jefferson's opinions are given upon report & the public mind quite unsettled. At home the present recruits displayed in our streets are the mounted artillery, called flying. It seems the practice to set Mr. Jefferson's opinion against Mr. Madison. It has some circumstances to justify it & in some it appears a political artifice.

19. We hear of some military preparations for defence at Boston since the late arrangements at Portsmouth, & the destruction in the mouth of the Connecticut. This last was a very shameful affair. They took quietly, if not joyfully, the spoiling of their goods, such tame creatures does a particular kind of policy render us. For Salem, we do not exercise our men as much as in a time of peace & the Commander of the Fort told me when the Constitution appeared Sunday before last he had not powder enough in the garrison to fire a Cannon six times. All the fortifications lay in a state of decay. The Cadet Company is reorganising again under Capt. Stephen White. Several competitions of new volunteer

associations in arms & an increase of members in the republican ranks had made it the interest of party to depress it. It now assumes a consistent character, & exclusively consists of friends of the administration.

21. Our flying artillery fired at a target on the little *Aquae vitae* yesterday. The piece was small & well directed but in eight discharges did not reach the object. The distance I find above a mile, probably a mile & a fifth. This circumstance proves that the engineers were young in their work. We have several recruiting parties in Salem, in the flying artillery for the U. S. Infantry, for the Navy & for privateers.

24. Sunday. Last week, according to advertisement in the newspapers, the Bible Society met & had a sermon from Dr. Barnard in the North Meeting. Considered as a political trick it drew little attention, not more than 8 persons, I was informed, appeared who were not of the Congregation worshipping in that house. Whether the refusal of the house for the funeral of Lawrence had any effect, I know not as it was not ascertained or whether the political view supposed to be involved in it influenced any is equally uncertain. If the last motive or the first had any influence, action, & reaction is the same & the opposite party would make it a cause. But so it was, that such silence was observed, that the whole plan with the mask of charity, but with hidden purpose, failed altogether of any effect upon the public mind. As this is the first attempt to introduce the system publicly, & the people are a religious people, such an incident will not pass unheeded by any observer of the public manners.

In the Episcopal Church they have a new candidate. Ambition is in full power. It is the purpose of many persons allied by ambition to give the English Communion a new face in Salem. Its worship was introduced in Burnet & Berkley's days. It was a part of the system of subjugation & was maintained by the missionary funds till the Revolution. Its House is small & inelegant. The site not pleasant or convenient. It has many things to displease ambition. Great talents it is thought might be displayed with advantage but such men as have appeared do not possess them. How can a small & uncertain number of families command them? And the delays instead of assisting, retard hopes, because the long uncertainty weakens the hope of greater success. It is said the members have contemplated the plan of another more splendid building, and have proposed to ask a present from the vast funds of the same Communion in New York. They can hardly believe that a house long neglected & which has had nothing within or without to recommend it, can attract attention sufficient for their purpose. The Congregational ministers are growing old & the young families would probably be drawn by a new house, a proud ceremonial, & the best talents. The leader of a club & deserters from other Communions are in the plan.

The new Meeting House called the Branch, is again open for worship & Mr. Perry preaches. Mr. Spaulding is not yet gone. It would be better for them in their present state should he disappear. He is too feeble to help them. He is too indiscreet for their confidence. He is wavering in his notions both in church & state, & yet has his zealous doubts of his rival. They expect to collect from the fanatics of their own kind in different Communion, & the former pastor tells of it. Their prospect is not bad, if they have concealment. The Upper Baptists have exhausted the materials of their labours & are quiet. The Lower, have only lay preachers & not of the first rate even of this assortment. The Baptists in Danvers at New Mills have had a Calling lately, as they express it, & several have submitted to their mode of baptism, which, as in Russia with the natives as we learn from Pallus, is about all they acquire, or perhaps wish. The Methodists have in Southfields their meetings in private houses & they have a man employed as a day labourer at the carts as their stationary exhorter, but as yet they have made no progress in Salem. In Marblehead better, & better still in Lynn. The plunder on the shores of Manchester has rather lessened the reputation of their Calling & at Beverly the parties are too much alike to quarrel with much effect, tho' with loss of peace. Gloucester is feeble, & no struggle. Ipswich is quiet. In the northern part of the County political zeal out steps religious, with different effect. In Andover, the majority is different from the little towns of Boxford & Topsfield, but the same with Middleton & with Haverhill. Towards Newbury, the greatest zeal is maintained by the violence of some ministers & the submission of the rest. Salisbury & Amesbury are much with Andover, & Bradford with Newbury. But the long vacancies in two parishes in Newbury, & the causes, do not speak for the power of religion in that quarter.

26. Talk of enlarging our News Room, or rather taking spacious rooms in the Union Buildings. This expedient has had great success in keeping awake the love of our free Constitution. The fault is we have no bond strong enough against private jealousies. We learn that Dr. Smith who was pursued for a libel against] Mr. Pickering has been sued for a libel against Mr. Prince & these two men were at the head of the Reps. at Newbury Port where Union is most wanted & the violence of opposition barely kept from hostilities & war.

29. The Diomedé has left the Offing, probably for sea. A prize to the Invincible Napoleon has reached Waldoborough, Maine. All the conversation about an Armistice, the abandonment of the system of retaliation, exchange of prisoners, & prospects of peace. As peace become more sure, the opposition attack it, sure to persevere till some change can give power to their leaders & greater consent with European governments.

May 3, 1814. This day is assigned for our Military examination of Arms, & as we were used to call it, our Captain's training. We are to see this day the Cadets under Capt. Stephen White in their renovation & new uniform. In the afternoon the several militia Companies appeared & No. 2 under Capt. Williams, with one hundred men, was distinguished by good behaviour, easy and ready movement, beyond the expectations from their partial discipline. This reputation is due to the Officer who now leaves the company & is removed from Salem. The Cadets did well for the first appearance. Their uniform is new and light. Their caps are faced with white metal & not high tufted. The body of their coats is red. At their next appearance the whole uniform will be settled. They brought only 24 privates upon the field, but their new uniform gave them attractions, not on the field, & their music, tho' not in a full band, was unquestionably the best upon such instruments as it afforded. The Infantry, under Capt. King, were 40 privates & did honour to their discipline. The Horse look well. Their Horses are completely of a colour, & well managed. They are not full. The Artillery of Salem have supported a good reputation without change from the day they were organized under Major Buffington & appeared Apr. 11, 1787. The men are chiefly from the active mechanics of the town & they do everything as men engaged for service, & not for parade. It is the best sight in Salem. The Cadet's first appeared in their uniform in the same month with the artillery but they have undergone many revolutions & had almost lost their existence at this attempt to revive them. It is now a company of republicans & will have the strength of the republicans to support them & no party to divide them.

6. The Privateer agency ship has made a quarrel. The common saying is that the worst privateering is ashore. The charges go high & up to very high ranks. We went along quietly while the gains were small, & within every man's calculation, when the whole would not be a big cheat but as soon as the sum began to be large, jealousy stimulated dishonesty. We hope it will not disturb old friendships. But political faction feeds upon these discontents very voraciously. The fact we possess.

8. Sunday. Note. Ann Pierce & brother, d. of her father R. Palfray, pr. for husband & brother absent. The last Fast gave another opportunity at Newbury & its vicinity to display against the Government. Only Parish's rant has reached the press. Spring, supposed to be in danger of life with a dropsy, came out to declaim hotter than ever, as if more fit for his heaven by leaving a hotter h. behind him. Dana whined much but at home. The discipline of the Tabernacle with the Baptists has been imitated by the Free Will Baptists upon some of their members for the expressions of their disapprobation of the marriage of one of their

teachers. The following are the Rules in Mr. Gyle's lectures as delivered to the Candidate in England among the Dissenters. "Do not contend with them nor inveigh against them, &c.—Lay Preachers. Avoid an intimate friendship with them, &c. Remember many of them are very ignorant & many of them very vitious, it is generally best neither to bless them all nor curse them at all. Guard by duty ag. their popular arts." In copying these Rules I have not copied the reasons for they are weak. The rules are good upon sound principles.

9. Our domestic talk is of the Agents of the America, & the substitution of the 5 for the $2\frac{1}{2}$ pr Cent. It is said this double duty assists the people's agents to do the business of the Owners for nothing. Much may be attributed to the sailors & much may still be left. No preparation to resist the elections of Representatives this year, so that whatever the Opposition put up will be carried in Salem on the morrow.

Lt. Furbush of the fort tells me that the Covered way built in the Rev[olutionary] war at the Salem Fort, is now reduced to supply soil for their garden. It commanded the west side of the fort & could not be commanded from the fort even from loop holes.

10. This day we finished the lookout upon the Neck. It has been repeatedly destroyed by wanton persons. It first was a seat of the rocks used for a station with Legg's hill at the Survey. It was then built with mortar & afterwards raised so as to form a shelter, but repeatedly destroyed. It is now supplied with ten wooden steps to mount it as a look out & covered with plank with a mast in the Centre. We had this day the disagreeable news of the capture of the Frolic & that she had been carried into Bermuda. She was lately built at Charlestown & sailed from Boston. The present history of the event does not satisfy the public mind.

12. Gen. Hull is not satisfied with his pardon after being sentenced to be shot, & he offers himself to dispute the justice of his sentence & probably will be assisted by the malecontents. Gen. Wilkinson has not consented to the Court Martial at Lake George. This suspends him from command. The affair of the Chesapeake has been a subject of enquiry, & will be reassumed in a higher style of examination at New London. The Constitution has been considered in the same manner. We are to have no more blunders, excuses, & acts of oblivion. Commodore Perry passed through Salem this day towards Portsmouth. No notice was given of his visit & no ceremonies passed. He has been well treated in Boston, but the opposition party admitted no more sympathy with the friends of the administration, than the f. of the ad. did with their friends in Salem.

15. Sunday. A letter lately from Professor Jenks of Bath in which he represents that the Falcon, an English Prize to the America, at Bath, had an invoice of books shipped by the British

& Foreign Bible Society consisting of 400 English Bibles, 300 Testaments & 500 Dutch Bibles sent to Kenneth Duncan Esqr. of the Cape of Good Hope. His request was that the Owners, Messieurs Crowninshields, might be induced to surrender such books for their original destination. I communicated his letter & replied that they had assured me that they would do right. The Philosophical Library of Salem began upon a lot of books belonging to a Literary Institution in Quebec & it began the Athenaeum, the best establishment for Books in Essex. The persons who had the first claims in the books, tho' they lamented the fate of war, assured us that they were pleased to find that by the chance of war they had not been totally lost, without any reproach that we had not made a surrender of the books to their Institution. It then would be a new artifice to cover Property from Capture, as Benevolent Societies in themselves are known tools in the hands of politicians, these would be in the hands of merchants, who are no strangers to insurance, licences & covers.

Mr. Hubbard's son, late Minister of Newbury Newtown, is preaching at Topsfield. He possesses some of the disquiet spirit of his father. Topsfield is the last place I should assign to him. The Salem association was here last week & Mr. Hurd of Lynn preached. This Lecture is much like the Boston Thursday Lecture, left much to the Clergy. We have a Mr. Carlisle at St. Peters & an invitation for a term has been given him. We learn Mr. Turner of the Universalists is about to withdraw to Charlestown as his engagements in Salem will end in June.

17. A ship from the West Indies, under neutral colours, just escaped the breakers, & the rigging of a schooner has been brought ashore by Perkins, the pilot. Just off Baker's Island he found these articles. We have news that the Stark, Rice, is taken & carried into Bermuda. The Diomedé was chased off Halifax. But the Peacock has taken the Epervier, British sloop of war, & the prize & the Peacock have arrived. We have however lost the Frolic foolishly.

20. Mr. Buxton tells me he had discovered some Indian tools lately. They were found at Osgood's new wharf on the eastern side of Ferry Lane or the street leading to Beverly ferry.

22. Sunday. Notes. Luke Brooks & wife, d. of his sister in law. She was a d. of Widow Gill, & G. D. of our late Deacon Phippen, & wid. of Samuel Brooks, a most amiable man. She was as amiable a woman & as loving a couple as commonly are to be found. They have left children. Mr. B. was unsuccessful in his affairs & tho' he had all the silence & attention of business, disappointed us by his failure in business. It was said from his contracts in Maine. Eunice Harwood, d. of one of her twins, last born of her children, husband at sea. She is a native of Salem. Husband a seafaring man & was born in Salem. A funeral ser-

vice this day taken by the decided purpose of the mother & elder brother from the jaws of fanaticism. The tender female wrought upon by her kindred, had consented to take the ghostly advice of the Tabernacle. But at death the parent chose the family minister should perform the funeral exercises. The family has already three acknowledged ministers & probably four. Such a specimen of our times.

It was a parting day. This day the Universalist poured his sweet tears over the flocks whom he has served one long year for mere competence & now removed to another labour of love at Charlestown, which promises a better harvest. Mr. Turner has been unexceptionable in his manners but he has, like Mother Rowlandson, had already many removes since he voluntarily embarked without money & price, & without education or experience in her free gifts to men. Brother Spaulding, like Good Baxter, also after many givings of last words now in good earnest has given this day the last of all. He has spent all his worldly interest, & the interest & principal of the affections his people have in him, & is to remove with his family, where God may dwell & God only knows.

23. Delivered a funeral service in the Guard Ship at the funeral of Robert Roberts, a blackman, aet. 25. The prisoners were 240 & all were assembled, & behaved exceeding well, being perfectly silent & respectful during the whole service. The body was borne to the new ground by six blacks, decently clad, belonging to the Ship & the procession was formed from the families of blacks belonging to the town. The coffin was covered by an American ensign, & one of the sextons of the town had charge of the grave & interment. The Officers of the guard attended & nothing happened to interrupt the solemnities.

24. Yesterday Dr. Harris of Dorchester passing through Salem called upon me. I attended him in a visit to the Athenaeum. A singular occurrence, a parishioner called upon me & challenged my discourse as pointed from a charge against him, not mentioned in the discourse, not entered into my thought, & never once conceived in respect to the man. The outrage was complete, he was a thorough workman at the business & I called for the evidence that I had in any company even heard the calumny he stated, but it only inflamed. So we go. What a terrible distress to my feelings this would have been when I knew less of man. He was a man who professed great friendship. I knew of no violation of it. What a cruel master vice is. Who would chuse the service if fairly enlisted!

25. I went this day to Nahant & there saw what I never before saw after thirty years of visits. On the north side of Nahant, on a new course from the Lane to the houses, I passed to the spring of pure water, issuing from the foot of the rock just above high water mark. It may be found by a perpendicular rock in front, &

by passing between two conical rocks on the upland not far from the spot, with a similar rock on the height N. E. from it. With a small glass we could fill from the cavity of the rock, & the water in a steady stream wasted below. It might be rendered useful by a pass for cattle, & by a trough placed below the issue. From this spring I passed easterly to a point of rocks called the Black Nine rock, which is black, & observed throughout the whole of it a strata of hard rock of a different texture, which [was] of the width of a brick & broken as brick would be, that passed many rods through this whole mass & disappeared only when this mass ceased to be found. A similar stratum but of greater width was still to be seen more easterly. I took specimens of the rock which was micaceous & perhaps not unlike the Norway gneiss & the hard rock which had a slaty fracture but was granite of the hardest kind. We had our usual sports & our dozens of fish but there were new discoveries shewn us by M. B. Breed.

27. Many friends called this day to see me. Several parishioners about to take the tour of the United States. Travel was formerly very rare & a man who had been by land through our States or any one of them was consulted as an Oracle. But now it is rare to find a man who has not been at the springs or some place of resort, & many have passed the whole length of our Atlantic coast. The difference since I first came to Salem is as great as could be imagined in a commercial people. A journey to Boston was more talked of & prepared for thirty years ago, than one now to New York & Philadelphia. We were referred to men who were in the southern trade for the knowledge of these cities. We now find persons who have visited them in every street.

29. Sunday. Notes. Miriam Manning & children, d. of her dau. Maria, p. for 2 sons absent. This a singular case. The d. have united elsewhere & the youngest became one of the fanatics. Joseph Gilman & wife, d. of their child. This Frenchman married Guillon.

30. Mr. C[rowninshield] tells me that the parcels of Hymn, &c. Books were not from the Bible Society, but it was indispensable to give them up. It would not be surprising if they should become a mode of insurance, so many artifices are employed in Commerce. He has made valuable purchases of furniture from the Falcon. Of the paintings we observe four hunting scenes in Flemish painting, four French emblematic paintings & two heads. One of Caesar & one of Socrates, imitated from the usual engravings. The carpets, glasses, hangings, &c. are all adapted to the new house he has built. Mr. C. will therefore have the most elegantly furnished apartment in Salem. This day Capt. N. Silsbee, Mr. R. Stone & A[ndrew] Dunlap left Salem upon a Southern Tour.

31. We have a plenty of salmon in the market from Kennebeck at 1-8 D. a lb. a fourth part of the price first in this market. This is the price of our best beef. Our late news from our prisoners is

England informs of the death of two young lads formerly of our society & belonging to the East end of Salem. The hopes of an exchange of prisoners brighten. The history of some of our prisoners in Canada is distressing to humanity. We have something to justify a partial alarm at Portsmouth, N. H. Ships have been at anchor, but the Militia are ready for their duty.

June 1, 1814. On the ocean our vessels are yet able to distress British Commerce, & every day the art of navigation is gaining new aids to navigate all seas at pleasure.

2. Was informed that a spring at Mackerel Cove, Beverly side, afforded black sand, of excellent quality for the common use upon writing* & a specimen was given me, which proved of equal excellence with some imported which I possessed. I did not make an experiment with the magnet not having one at hand. I marked the specimen for my cabinet & for future examination. I have not yet seen the place, & the female who gave it to me from her son who lives near the place, left no doubt of its existence.

6. We have had the disagreeable news that Capt. John Crowninshield of the Diomede, armed vessel from this port, has been taken. Three of her prizes have arrived in Maine. The Grand Turk has arrived & one of her prizes. Grand Turk belongs to Salem. The Diomede was taken by a Sloop of war & could not escape by sailing as was expected by her high reputation. It is hinted that the Captain was not supported as he ought to have been by the energies of all under his command. The Grand Turk has had several disagreeable disputes on the cruise. Indeed the equality is too great for such adventures. Too many persons who have been in command & who make very improper inferior officers. A Cartel has arrived from Halifax. The prisoners, chiefly soldiers, are marked to Boston to Fort Independence.

9. Was with Mr. Miller, the British Agent for Prisoners, last evening to urge the exchange of Capt. John Crowninshield which Mr. M. proposes in exchange for Capt. Bass of the Liverpool Packet. Some of our suspicious politicians say that this is artifice as Capt. Bass has been held in retaliation, but as that plan is abandoned I renounce all fear. I wrote to Pr. Madison. And this day, some error being made about an invitation from Mrs. Silsbee, a letter having been sent by her brother to her Husband now on a southern tour about dining, I invited Mr. M. to dine with me, as he did this day. After dinner we were alarmed about the enemy, as two ships were off, a 74 & frigate. A Tender had passed within Misery Island & boats without & pursued a schooner which put into Beverly shore & there was burnt two miles below the town. The Inhabitants appeared & the cannon were brought upon the Neck, but the enemy retired immediately.

10. The late event has roused the Government in Boston. The

* For blotting purposes.

Governour has ordered two brass field pieces & ammunition. Our M[ajor] Gen. has returned from Court & has been upon the height & this night a detachment of the Light Infantry will be upon guard. A body of seamen has passed for Lake Ontario from Portsmouth in carriages. We have from every quarter the most violent threatenings of the British, & the Bulwark, 74, off our port, has announced to some prisoners that the British Government should not any longer admit the lenient mode of warfare, it at first adopted. Much stress is laid upon internal divisions both at home & abroad.

12. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Elsey Ropes, wid. of Daniel, death of her only son Daniel. She was a Chever. The son went on the Montgomery privateer, & was taken April, 1813, & carried to Halifax & thence transported in Sept. last to England & died 9 Feb. at Chatham. He was a youth, aet. 19, of good hopes. Friends at sea. She has one d. married, Upton. Christopher Babbidge & children. He has one son & five daughters left with him, death of his eldest son Christopher, a prisoner from one of the prizes of the Polly as prize master, aet. 21, sent to Halifax & thence to England. Died at Chatham, 19 Jan. last. He addressed a Miss Gerard of the neighbourhood born of foreign parents for whom prayers asked. In looking over the bill of Marriages I find them 457, about 15 to a year.

13. News has reached us of the destruction of Vessels in & off Sandy Bay, Cape Ann, & of the entire destruction of all the Vessels in Scituate. Beverly is not a solitary example. In consequence we have a line of posts along shore from Gloucester to Marblehead. This is a specimen of the evil threatened us for some persons have been treated without mercy or decency. In Beverly, they have had a town meeting recommending a guard. The same in Gloucester. In Boston, they have agreed to celebrate the downfall of the French Emperour, & have obtained leave to illuminate the State House on the Occasion. Did I not know the leaders in Boston, I should suppose all this outrage might originate there. Two of the leaders are from Salem, one young Col. Pickman & the other Attorney Putnam, neither of them leaders.

14. Notice was sent me that the Cartel was to sail for Halifax, by Mr. Miller, British Agent, & I wrote a letter to Capt. John Crowninshield, a prisoner there. Mr. C. has been highly praised for his indulgence to the prisoners & they make high demands for him. It is probable his consequence will outweigh their gratitude. If gratitude & policy were in the same persons, perhaps not. Mr. Woodman, formerly of Salem, who has four sisters married in Salem, in town from Poultney, Vermont. He could give us no history. He is a potter & is down to purchase materials for glazing his ware. He is in search of manganese in this quarter. He learnt his trade in Braintree, removed to Connecticut, & thence to Poult-

ney on the river which enters at the south end of Lake Champlain. He tells me that his neighbours are chiefly from Connecticut, & from his prejudices I incline to believe him.

15. We have had burnings enough around us. After that of Beverly & Manchester, at Scituate, & Cohasset on the south shore, & around Gloucester on the east at Squam & Sandy Bay. They have not yet adventured within reach of the guns of any fort at Salem, Marblehead, Newbury, or Cape Ann. The number destroyed exceeds twenty, chiefly coasters, the only property of their owners. Some ships & some vessels of rich owners. In consequence, the system of defence is adopted & proper town meetings have been held at Marblehead, Beverly, & Gloucester. No submission at present appears & we conduct better as we are urged to our duty.

16. 50 men of the Militia began to break ground in order to repair Fort Lee on Salem Neck. The first day spent in cutting up the turf within the old fort under Capt. Blood. This day also passed several carriages through Salem towards the Lakes with the Congress men for the Lakes. It is said some of the opposition finding danger at their doors have offered to defray the expence of repairing the fortifications & have been refused. The insult to fallen greatness intended at Boston by a Junto of mad men failed of all its glory. The Chapel was again prostituted, but no procession was formed. The illumination was confined to the Court House, an emblem of its present use, & the Pulpit was the only discharge of the day, when the Church was employed by the worst passions. So ended the celebration of the downfall of Napoleon, by the citizens of a Country allied to him while in power & professing a religion which saw its benefactor crucified.

17. Our working Militia after cutting up the turf of Fort Lee, left it in that state and went to Hospital point, on the point bel[ow] the Bar on Butt point & watch House point & there raised a breast-work of two feet which they finished so as to give an entire form to the breast work & mounted one large travelling cannon in it. This breast work has four angles. The second is too nigh the shore to leave room for a trench or sea defence. It is however proof of great diligence. This was our Military Company day. The Cadets & Artillery were out as were the Militia. Two Companies went upon the neck to fire at targets. The weather was uncomfortable but, the specimen of their firing at a mark was not much in favour of their experience or their discipline. We have news that the British Ships were destroying Vessels upon the coast of Maine. We have an account of their visit to Saco, which is yet to be explained.

19. Sunday. Mr. Crowninshield has had an honourable testimony that he did facilitate the means of securing the property of the English Bible Society taken by the Ship America & arrived

at Bath in Maine. He has a letter from the Mass. Bible Society, signed by their Corr. Secretary, Mr. Thacher. Attempts, however, had been made to exasperate the seamen ag[ainst] Mr. Crowninshield for any aid he might give in this surrender of the property of the people. But as the business was negotiated through my hands I declared that Mr. C. was tender of the people's rights & did require the property to be exposed for sale, only withholding his own purchases, but leaving all other persons to act as they pleased without any influence upon them or any declaration. If any interest was made, it was by the members of the Bible Society which Mr. C. was in no degree bound to prevent & with which he ought not to interfere. The prudent part he took was properly noticed at Portland. As a person who was a member of no such society, my only part was to assure Pr. Jenks that Mr. C. would do right. Mr. C., for Benjamin is supposed to be the Agent of the Firm, has been very successful & this has brought upon [him] the envy of an exasperated party, who, finding him fond of wealth, are sure to brand his propensities with all their names provided for the worst abuse of them, without any concern whether the censure be just or not.

We had Dr. Osgood in the North Church last Sunday, & Mr. Abbot from Beverly in the Old Church on this. Both these men are distinguished by political zeal, the first by real abilities. Mr. Wood of the Andover Institute was at the South Church last Sunday. He does not conquer by eloquence. The widow Anna Brown, who died in Salem lately, lived near Gardner's Mills, aet. 90. Her husband till nearly the same age attended the market with vegetables from his little farm, seated in a chair in a horse cart. They lived with exemplary diligence & economy. The widow Susanna Masury, aet. 86, was descended from a foreign family settled towards Danvers & first married Joshua Ward, son of Deacon Ward, & then David Masury. The first generation were much regarded by the Great Richard Derby Esqr. for their great probity & sobriety.

20. This day the labour on the breast work at Hospital point was directed to stone work which was laid one foot high on the side towards the ditch. The men work cheerfully as they are paid for their labour. They go down after breakfast & return at sundown. A guard for the night has no concern with the labourers. We have news respecting the negotiation & persons appointed by Britain to meet our Commissioners at Gotheburg but endless hints are given about the success.

21. This day prayed with the Court of the new Arrangement. It is not a County Court, tho' it succeeds to the duty of that Court. It is called a Circuit Court of Common pleas, & this called the Middle Circuit. Each County still holds its Court of Sessions. That in Essex has no Chief Justice. The hints now are that G. Britain

has asked leave to chastise U. S. A. & the European powers not to interfere. Other hints are that G. B. will not treat with Democratic leaders or under Madison's administration. Care enough is taken to circulate such hits for their known use. By the invitation of B. & G. Crowninshield I accompanied Mr. Miller, the British Agent, in our ride upon the Newbury Turnpike. We passed up to Hooper's (Collins) & then by Leach's to Putnam's by Porter's & Perkins to the N. P. turnpike on Topsfield road. We stopped at the Hotel in Topsfield & then passed round by the Meeting House over the old bridge on the Ipswich river to Perkins's again & entered upon the N. P. Turnpike going to Lynnfield. At the toll house or just beyond, we passed to the Danvers factory 3-4 of a mile from the Turnpike. Here we saw the new house now covered, intended for the Lodgings of the persons employed & the Factory which at present employs 80 persons chiefly children, male & female, in picking, carding, quilling, Jenning Cotton, & in spinning & weaving, a few Looms being at work upon cotton cloth of common fabrick. We observe the sluices & the increasing prosperity, & then proceeded to Lynnfield hotel at which we took Coffee & returned by Newell's road to the Butt brook, Boston old road, through Danvers to Salem.

23. Yesterday was examined before Judge Story, a young man from Gloucester apprehended in carrying supplies by contract to the enemy. The Judge has ordered him for trial, as sufficient evidence appears to claim this Justice. Wind high at North West. The Spire of the Steeple of the East Meeting House, being a single post let into the steeple of 8 inches diameter to support the ornaments & Vane, the vane wt. 45 lb. was broken off by the wind, having stood 41 years. The Vane fell upon the House & thence into the adjacent field. The post remained, retained on the side of the steeple by the Lightning conductors.

24. The British small craft burnt a Sloop within the islands of Boston & the Commander of the Frig[ate] Nymph's Tender sent in an impudent note to inform by the Patriot that they had seen the fire, but having no Pilot he could not proceed to the Navy Yard, that he had refreshed his men from a pleasure boat & burnt the sloop to deter others from running ashore. Shaw who went from Newbury in Sch. Polly & supplied Frig[ate] Nympe & arrived at Gloucester, had a hearing before Judge Story in the Court House in Salem & is committed to Ipswich Goal. No doubt is entertained he went purposely with supplies. The Fishermen all refused fishing. Passengers detained coming from foreign ports, &c. &c.

26. Sunday. As on Thursday last the spire was broken by the wind, I was led to search for the repairs & the first erection of the Steeple. It seems on 22 Feb. 1771 an agreement was made in writing with B. Ward & others to raise a steeple at the west end of the Meeting House in a workman like manner & to do & finish every-

thing by the 10th of July next. The newspapers of that date are not upon the files, but the work was said to be done in August following & said Ward is to receive sixty six pounds, 13s. 4d. in full for said work, & as a gratuity 30 gallons of N. E. Rum & 28 lbs. of sugar, the whole to be paid in thirty days after said work is finished. It seems the new Pews were sold on 1 of August 1771. It appears that Richard Derby Esqr. paid twelve pounds for a Cock or Vane four feet four inches in length, ball, diamond, leaves & pipe gilt in best manner to be delivered on 23 of June. It appears that a vane spindle was paid by said R. Derby to Edw. Foster in Boston 2£ 11s. 0 on 12 of June. Thomas Drowne made the Vane in Boston. It appears from Treasurer Hubbard's Letter that the President of the College, &c. was to be at Salem in 1772 & that on 26 Nov. 1772 the Corporation of Harvard College purchased the first Bell of the East Meeting house of the proprietors at 1s. 6d. pr. lb. & its weight was 217½ lb., the Committee to transport, not ensure it, so that the sum paid by the College by settlement was 121 D. 9s. 4½d. Transportation £1.17.6. About the Bell purchased they were informed by documents from Andover that April, 1754 application was made to a House in London for a bell to be marked Given by Capt. Nathaniel Fry, 1754. Invoice, A new Bell 902 lb. at 14d. £52.7.8. Clapper 23 lb. at 9d., 17s. 3d. Amount foot of the Account, £71.12.7. John Derby's Account, Salem, 14 Nov. 1772. Bell weight 5 cwt. 12 lb. at 14d. £34.8.4. Clapper 23, at 9d., 17s. 3d. Amount of Bell & charges £46.10.1. The new pews made at 16s. a pew in 1771. The vote to impower the Treasurer to obtain money to enlarge the house & build the steeple obtained March 5, 1771. It was in the March meeting of 1772 the vote for the Bell obtained. It was in the March meeting, 1773, the Committee were authorized to receive a new Clock & to provide for it in the East Meeting House. The Bell was put up in Oct. 1772, & the Clock on 22 May 1773. Steeple raised in June, 1771. The third Bell cast by Revere in Boston, in 1801, weighing 920 lb. at 2s. 8d. pr lb. whole sum 408 Dollars. Old bell allowed for at 583 lb. cracked, received at 116 Dollars 60 Cents.

27. Our men in a larger number & of a higher character began again upon Fort Lee on the Neck & greatly exceeded any labour which had been before bestowed. The plan of the fort was defective, but it was not thought proper from some cause to change it. The want of experience was the true cause, the fear of expense the cause of acquiescence. The guard has been doubled, & from 14 has been enlarged to 30 men, & stationed on the wharves as well as at the batteries & forts.

28. There has been another example from Cape Ann of a bold defiance of public opinion by a Vessel sailing from that quarter with supplies for the enemy, hoisting a signal & of being received in open fight. Two persons actually piloted the enemy upon a

plundering expedition into Wareham, who belonged to the port. This appears not to be policy, but money. The mercenary spirit of many men I should not have believed, had not the facts been forced upon me, & men in high condition & of great pretensions.

30. Yesterday Salem Bank was broken open, & 7 h. d. belonging to one of the Clerks taken away. Part of the door broken, the money not in the vault. A poor negro is imprisoned for this transaction which was in mid day, at dinner time & the outer door of the Bank in Essex street. But the Negro is in custody. Speculation never was higher, & it has a wide range & often small entrance. The poor negro however is the offender. A boy saw him stop at a wall. It was searched & the money found. It was in a pocket & that pocket belonged to his own cloathes which he had upon him. He was absent at dinner time & eat no dinner.

July 1, 1814. Yesterday, by a contract for 60 dollars, a Carpenter, Mr. Danforth, erected stages to replace the Cock Vane of the E. Steeple. The post was found rotten one foot from suffering the vane to be suspended for a long time after it lost its tail & could not traverse. It had opened the work & suffered the water to get in. The spire of wood over the steeple of 8 feet was taken away. The spindle lengthened 3 feet. The spindle was entered upon the post & secured with rings & covered three feet with wood to complete the form of the steeple. Above was the ball & lily & free of both rode the Cock. The length of the spindle supplied the absent spire, & the wood covered it sufficiently to secure a good effect. The stages were put up yesterday & entirely removed this afternoon.

2. Fifteen Crabs were taken upon the Neck this afternoon by a little girl of our party. They were found in the seaweed after the tide had left it. I once filled a Chaisebox in this way with lobsters so found at Nahant. I find that Anne Browne, who died in June at Salem, aet. 90, was a native of Boston & belonged to the Dupie family. She married Mr. Brown who then lived at Reading & from thence removed to the Plaisted now Allen farm bet. Marblehead & Lynn, & about 20 years ago became possessed of their late possessions of 30 acres purchased of Mr. Gardner of Wenham, being part of his patrimony from his Father from whom the Mills on Forest river are named. Mr. Brown was not quite 90 at his decease, but he attended the market till nearly the close of life. His sight failed him much & the wags say he was found one morning at the burying gate, exclaiming, "they are all asleep, I cannot make them hear, I believe they want no sauce today." His Widow had no illness. She fainted & expired. The account I had from Wid. of Pickering Collins, the next neighbour, who was a Morgan & is upon her patrimony. Her family was from Beverly, in which some are still found. Her ancestors of great age. Five men perished from a Boat belonging to Marblehead upon Baker's Island breakers in the gust of 23 of June which threw down the spire of our Steeple.

3. Sunday. From the original Ticket of the Manning Family. The ages & births of Richard & Anstis Manning's Children as follows: Nicholas Manning born XXIII June, 1644. Richard Manning born XXII June, 1646. Anstis Manning born VIII January, 1654. Margaret Manning born IX October, 1656, Jacob Manning born XXV December, 1660. Thomas Manning born XI February, 1664. Sarah Manning born XXVIII August, 1667. Testimony from Nicholas Jeffry Clerk of Saint Patrick's Church in Dartmouth. The within named Jacob Manning born 25 D. 1660, died at Salem, 24 May 1756, aged 95 years, 4 months, & 18 days. Record of late R. M. Esqr. of Salem. Said Richard Manning Esqr., son of Jacob, died at Salem, 2 January, 1811, aged 80 years. Edward Turner, late Universalist at Salem, is again installed, 30 June, over a Church in that Communion in Charlestown, which Mr. Kneeland, now resident in Salem, left for his mercantile employment in Salem. A hint is given that the Ministers of Newbury Port in taking the 4 of July into their hands had not so well pleased the Federalists when N. P. have not all the same faith of charity. In the Herald it is observed "The Clergy or part of that body having undertaken to cater for the public taste on next 4 July, several citizens whose palates are not accustomed to forced meats would be obliged by a perusal of the bill of fare, &c. disclaiming every arbitrary interference, &c."

4. By a strange fatality we had no Republican Oration in Salem. A young Lawyer Saltonstall was allowed to enter the North Meeting from which the friends of Lawrence were excluded, & exclaim against the French Emperour. Our Republican Officers & friends distributed themselves in Convivial parties & some went to the grand celebration at Lexington. My own choice was at Nahant with my pupil. There I found some curious specimens of the Boletus, & a Rhinoceros Beetle, & caught fish among which we had a tautaug. At sundown we quietly returned. The proud preparations promised many honours to this return of our National birthday.

5. Our citizens continue their labours at Fort Lee. We are told our Orator invited the British prisoners & delivered a panegyric upon English character, confirming that England, the fast anchored isle was the Bulwark of religion, &c. &c. A partisan endeavored to begin a quarrel with the guard. Some of our friends returned from a Southern tour as far as Washington speak highly of the tone of the Citizens as much better than our own.

7. The Essex Guard appeared this week under Capt. Israel Williams. Their Dress is uniform but not much military. Dark Coat & white under cloaths. They received their Standard on 4 July, have worked a day at the fort, & been upon the Night Guard. The Fort Lee nearly finished.

The Vice President E[bridge] G[erry] and General Dearborn

with us this day. Gen. D. is here as commander in Chief of U. S. A. in this quarter.

8. Mr. Miller, late Agent of British prisoners, & Mr. — with me. They expect to sail soon for Halifax. This day gives a precise form to the fort on the Neck Hill above the bar called Fort Lee. No platforms are laid or barracks built, but a parapet is raised upon the old works with a sufficient strength for present purpose. The Hospital below is the place of the night Guard. A little attention to the spring at the bottom of the hill would supply water, so that it might have springs on both sides of the Fort.

10. Sunday. Note. Jonathan Archer & Wife & children, d. of her Sister Kimball, aet. 55, & pr. for their Sons in Captivity. Mrs. Kimball was a Woodman, married a Pease & had one son by him, then married a Kimball who is from Andover & only Brother of the wife of Mr. Shattuck the Butcher, now Merchant of Salem. Confined 3 years by dropsy. The man preaching at the Branch is the Batchelor of Marblehead, lately a Methodist, then preached at Upper Beverly. So irregular do the remains of that Congregation continue.

11. We have this day the news of the loss of the Essex, the Ship built upon Salem neck, & lately on an expedition to the great southern ocean. She was taken in March last. The first account in by the Essex Junior, Capt. Downes, in 70 days from Valparaiso. She was captured on 28th of March in the bay of Valparaiso by the British Frigate Phoebe, & Sloop of War Cherub, after the loss of 58 men killed, 31 missing and 63 wounded. Capt. Porter of the Essex was detained by the Rajee Saturn, which detained the Essex Junior but in some way Capt. Porter escaped.

12. This day Lt. Miller left Salem in the Cartel for Halifax. President Madison has promised to take care for our friend John Crowninshield of the Diomedé now a prisoner at Halifax. Our papers give us some proud celebrations of 4 July but they report some insolence in Mass., which has never been equalled.

15. We are entertained from Halifax with hopes of peace. It is said the negotiation will go on. That an armistice is expected & that the military preparations are for the peace establishment in the colonies. These tales are in full circulation at the moment of our military prospect. A military trial was held upon an Offender of the Night Guards for being found guilty of sleeping at his post. The Court Martial did not decide upon the first day.

16. The arrival of Capt. Porter & the detention of his Cartel are an interesting part of our naval history which engages public attention highly.

17. Sunday. We learn by the invectives printed at Boston & circulated that the young ministers of that place have most zealously adopted Parish's plan of Pulpit invectives, & Mr. Cary in the Artillery Election sermon, & Mr. Channing at the Celebration of

the downfall of Napoleon have rendered themselves known. The performances are no testimony of talents & we can judge what the zeal is which can make such lumps buoyant. Capt. Porter in the Essex speaks highly of his Chaplain as doing his duty & recommends him to notice.

18. We had this day the news of the possession of our Eastern Frontier by the British. The force was such as the feeble garrison at Eastport could not resist. We may now consider our State invaded, & the scruples are entirely removed respecting the employment of our Militia in the public service. The Circular calling the Militia is said to be couched in unexceptionable terms. The Offender who slept at his post on the Militia guard has been reprimanded & dismissed.

19. Went with my friend Dr. Freeman of Boston to visit our Classmate Hon. Daniel Kilham, Esq. at Wenham. We found him attentive to his trees. He has above 20 acres under his cultivation. He has made several experiments upon our Grains & has some successful experiments in horticulture. He attributes to the effects of rain on the pollen, & the high winds, what is often called blight. We found the Endicott pear in his Orchard which Dr. F. from the description calls the Bure. Dr. F. keeps about 20 acres under his care at Newton about 6 miles from Boston. We had a pleasant interview & returned by Danvers, & took Tea on the Endicott Farm with Capt. Crowninshield who has 1700 trees upon his spot which is about 30 acres. He plants four hills of potatoes round his trees after opening the ground. He thinks the potatoe a guard against the worm which injures the trees. We returned to Salem & Dr. F. went to Mr. Johannot's.

20. The British if they persevere in the American War, may expect to find our whole Continent in arms against European policy, & probably will hasten the time of our emancipation.

21. I passed to Beverly on a visit to Mr. Edmund Putnam, & while he was in his field I took a horse & chaise & went to Mr. Mascoll's in Mackerel cove & passed to the western end of the Beach, eastward of the Hospital & there found the place he had often described as having a great quantity of Black Sand, which washed out of the bank. It lay upon the surface & had encrusted so that large surfaces might be removed by putting under the hands as large as they could contain, but it was not tenacious enough to support its weight in any great surface, generally holding 3-10 of an inch thick. We collected from the surface sufficient specimens without any purification fit for the common purpose of the writing table, & it seems as if bushels might have been obtained in the same way with very little care. By opening a place by the hands it seemed to lay in veins, in some places more than in others, but we had no instruments to gratify our curiosity fully on this point, but only ascertained that his information on the subject was cor-

rect & the quantity abundant. I mounted the hill & saw the hospital, & near it the remains of a breast work raised in the American revolution. Another road passes to the shore westward of the Hospital point as that did to the eastward by which we descended to the beach. Mr. M. tells me that at the recess of the tide it is possible to pass with a carriage round the point from one road to the other & that he had seen it done. It seemed to be difficult from the table rocks which seemed scattered below high water mark around the shore.

As I had passed so far down I purposed to visit some of the inhabitants with whom I had officiated as a Minister in 1781 & 2. I found my old friend Peter Pride had been dead 7 years aet. 84. His son Peter aet. 70, held the Mansion house in its former state both as to the purity of the Inhabitant, & the form & condition of the farm & its buildings. I passed Woodberry's to Mr. Williams', then after a mile turning to the left from Wenham road I passed through Monserat to Beverly lower Meeting House. The land is poor, some of the farmers are comfortable but many live in little hovels & but poorly accomodated. We might hardly expect to see such contrasts in human condition & improvement in a New Country.

22. The Gate is up at Fort Lee & they are repairing the Magazine. Le Hait at Salem Fort on Winter Island is setting up a forge for hot shot as Capt. Bayley tells me has been done at his fort in Marblehead. Died July, Master James Lowell aet. 77, at Windham, Me. How he got there I know not. He was Usher to his father in the South School, while I was at School in the North. He was a singular man in his style, his wit, his manners & mind. At the beginning of the revolution he took a part opposite to that his father choose, who was a Refugee & died in Nova Scotia. James was imprisoned at Boston, carried to Halifax, liberated, became member of Congress, & then spent many years in the Custom House in Boston. Sometimes he published what all stared at. No man doubted his capacity, no two estimated it alike.

23. Capt. Porter of the Essex has secured an Island in the South Sea for his country. It is called Noaheevah by the Natives, named by him Madison. In Lat. 9 S. Long. 140 W. fr. Greenwich. It has six tribes called Tareehs, six Happawas & three of Maumatuahs, three Attabokans, one of Nicekees, twelve of the Typees, & most of them have asked protection. This done 17 Nov., 1813. A Fort constructed, six houses, a rope walk, bakery, &c. 4 guns in the fort.

News has reached us of the death of Elizabeth, wife of Gen. John Stark of Manchester, N. H., aet. 77, many years younger than the Gen. She had all the prudence of a good wife & all the affections of a good mother. Her character was mild, & suited to make a complete whole with the independence & bold virtues of her Cincinnatus.

24. Sunday. Dr. Freeman who was with me last Tuesday tells me that Noah Worcester, the man who has been writing on the Unity of God & has raised from the dead the Scheme of Sonship, is employed at Boston by a handsome subscription to publish the Christian Disciple, a periodical paper intended as a caution against the influence of the Panoplist & other fanatical publications which are multiplied & circulated in New England. I am at present unknowing of these things. I have seen Mr. Willard of Deerfield's pamphlet on the affairs of Deerfield. As I preached in that place I know the theological enmities. Mr. Willard has proved two points, that his theological opposers had not clear ideas of the Doctrines of the Reformation & of the privileges of the New England Churches. But the virulence of the party knows no bounds & his situation is not an easy one. The persons invited to ordain him did not proceed. A second council did. The first are showing all the spirit of their party in gross misrepresentations & prejudices. Mr. Loring of Andover, North p., was with me. I found an open man from whom we may have good expectations. He is firm against the influence of the Institute in the South part of that town & upon rational conviction. We require such men for such situations. He is recovering his health. Mr. Thomas says my namesake refused a parcel of Land for his Baptist Church in Worcester because too wet, while the benefactor observed that he was the first of the denomination that he had known [not] to be fond of the water. Mr. T. doubts the life of the society. It is formed from the first Church under Austin from political prejudice & the first Church contemplate the recovery of lands alienated by the town to give them some advantages they do not now hold in point of property.

25. By agreement I rode with my pupil to Marblehead to spend the day upon the Neck with Mr. J. Wilson, Collector, & his family & friends. As soon as we arrived we had refreshing showers. We dined at Mr. Wilson's. A pleasant afternoon admitted our amusements. Part of our Company passed to the neck by land & rode, part went by water. We went E. of Great beach opposite T. Moore's rocks for our station & passed still more easterly for our fishing ground, & for convenient rocks & water. We feasted on the rocks at our station. I took Coffee & Tea at a Mr. Dolliber's near my old friend Andrew's. A Mr. Williams of M. & a Mr. Ziegler from Roxbury with their female friends made a part of our Company. We saw from the water the several fortifications. At Skinner's head was a redoubt & a 42 pounder. Two others below, one called Goodwin's, & another more easterly than the United S. Fort upon a commanding situation. We saw Rye, barley, Indian Corn & Potatoes upon the Neck & on the lower part of the Neck a sheep range. The Salt works are still maintained, but not with the first spirit with which they were erected. Upon the Rye I saw the Ergot,

some of which were an inch in length. The French have not thought it so pernicious as report had rendered it.

26. Mr. Isaiah Thomas & his son came & spent the day with me. He is the founder & President of the Antiquarian Society. He was in search of stores for his Library & Cabinet, & to collect means for some building. I spent some time with him in my collections & laid out a work to give him some communications on the subject. He has great zeal in the work & he promises much from the elections which have been made of members. But privileges & names so easily gained have not urged enquiry. And this paying beforehand is not better in science than it is in business. It makes many debts, & leaves them unsettled or badly & reluctantly paid. It is the opinion of some of the able men of the Historical Society that Thomas will have the honour he wishes & the Institute fall back to the Hist. Society which can embrace all its objects

27. The Capture of Eastport obliged us to recollect the landing at Penobscot in June, 1779. The first account of the Capture of Eastport from the officers on parole is that the Fort was under the command of Capt. Major Putnam of Salem who had 40 men. That the Expedition was under Comm. Hardy in the *Ramilies*, 74, with 2 Sloops of war, a Schooner & 3 Transports. That he had 1200 Troops under Col. Fitzpatrick. The property of the Inhabitants was respected. The goods found there seized. Many of the Inhabitants had taken the oath of allegiance, all who did not were ordered to withdraw. The Comm. says he takes Eastport as part of the Pr[ovince] of New Brunswick.

28. At sundown an alarm gun at Marblehead answered by U. S. Fort at Salem. It proved that two foreign vessels were passing for that port. Our night guards still out. The Cadets did the military duty of this night. The success at Portsmouth against a boat too free in our waters has been followed by another example at Plymouth at which a boat was sunk. Another boat was suffered to save such men as they could find from the water & to retire.

29. Hon. B. Goodhue Esqr. who died in this town yesterday, aet. 68, was descended of an antient family & his parents lived to great age. He graduated at Cambridge in 1766. He was not of splendid talents, but he appeared of such firm habits as fixed the public favour. He came into life at the time when the Revolution & its measures opened a path to ambition, & the career he chose tho' popular at first had all that obstinacy of temper which fixes a man in favour of power when that power supports him best without his energies. In 1774, June, he appears on the list in favour of a petition in behalf of Boston. He was on the School Committee in 1778. He was Representative of Salem in 1780, & 1781 & 82. He was in the Senate in 1783, in 1785 was a Justice of the Peace for Essex, & in 1786 again in the Senate & in 1787. He was not in the Convention of 1787, but held his seat in the Senate, & was in



BENJAMIN GOODHUE.

1748-1814.

From the portrait in possession of the Essex Institute.

the Senate in 1788 & one of the Justices of the Quorum for Essex County, & in 1789 he was a member of Congress for Massachusetts. In 1797 he was in the Senate of the United States, & he left the Senate in 1800. His habits since his return have given him no influence in society & as he rose gradually to public notice so he insensibly passed away from all his former friendships, & notice, being habitually & publicly intemperate. Tho' I live in the same street & not a mile from him, his death was unknown till after he was buried, & then not from any mention of him, tho' I attended a funeral the same day in the middle of the town. I found his death in the newspaper of this day & had the time of death from my barber who forgot to mention his death as he only heard of it & did not know when it was. Mr. Goodhue while in health had a good person, a taciturnity, but his manners were not forbidding & he regarded the public Institutions of Life & Religion. His Friendships were in his little circles, but his civilities everywhere enough to get no enemies from neglect. As a merchant unimpeached, he was for consolidating, as he called it, our Republican Institutions, & if they had consolidated into a European form he would not be in opposition.

31. Sunday. Notes. Eunice Moses & her child, d. of her husband Samuel Moses, aet. 29, & pr. for his Brother absent. This Moses was the G. Son of a Capt. Moses formerly attached to the Customs, & died after I came to Salem. A welcome man in all social clubs. His son Joseph, father of the deceased, was well known in Salem. This young man a Shoemaker. He married a g. child of my antient Sexton Philip English. The large family of Moses has now disappeared from Salem & those who remain are scattered. Henry Moses & Sister come to town, d. of their Brother, & pr. for Brother absent. Christiana Waters, mother of the wife of the deceased Samuel, death of Son in law.

We are told that Worcester at the Tabernacle has ventured to say that in course of time he must be supposed to have changed some opinions, & that he has begun to explain openly in the new way the Doctrine of Original Sin, Sherman's Doctrine of Grace. Like his sect he quarrels with the term imputed, & with Spring attempts to prove we come into the world personal sinners ag. God. As this is so much more intelligible, it would probably have no resistance from its shameful effulgence, had not the Good people been alarmed by the character of the man & family. This was only a precursor to a history of changes without end.

We gave notice that the Female Asylum Sermon is to be delivered in the North Church on Wednesday Next at 3 P. M. by Revd. S. C. Thatcher of Boston. This house is not refused to receive our Money, tho' we were denied it at the funeral of Lawrence & it has been since prostituted to the vile paroxysms of a stupid political declamator to curse our country.

August 1, 1814. We have begun our new military arrangements by volunteers enlisted for several months service. Some military jealousies & competitions arise. All are under Gen. Dearborn, who commands the Eastern division & has passed on his way to Maine. We have barracks building in Fort Lee.

2. We have the troops enlisted from other parts of the County in town today. They appear good men & in good spirits. This day I was with Madam Hall whom I knew in Boston in my early days, at her daughter's Joshua Ward's. Mr. Wilson with me this day who was taken off Cape Sable in the U. S. Vessel, the Rattlesnake. He thinks she has paid for herself to the government & has done greater damage to the enemy than many times all her expenses. The Enemy had little but the hull & that not in good condition. The British at Halifax have sent many hundreds of our prisoners to England, as Mr. W. informs me. The plea is provisions, but it is said the Merchants have promised to maintain all seamen taken from the states during the war. The evident course is to lessen our number of seamen. Of the Troops which are upon the Essex Station, Capt. Mudge commands those from Lynn, Capt. Williams those from Newbury Port, & Major Ingalls of Andover has the command of the whole.

3. The preacher from Boston before the Female Society for Widows & Orphans was wonderfully free with the domestic manners of the French, which he gave in the foulest colours & he could not let even French intellect escape. But he had not read the Newspaper of the day which reports the English Regent's Wife's letter on her domestic situation & saw fit to remember the kept mistress of the Duke of York & his kept mistress. It is to be recollected it was a charitable occasion on which this mistake happened. This Sermon was in the house refused for the funeral service of Capt. Lawrence, because that was a prophane occasion. A late infamous declamation against the government & the wonderful work of charity were religious occasions. Not a republican, or a man I believed to be such, did I see & wondered to find myself in such a situation, against which a friend advised me.

4. Arrived a Cartel from Halifax with American prisoners. Only one of my parishioners arrived, Capt. W. Rice. Capt. J. Crowninshield is still detained, as Mr. Miller the British agent says, by direction of the English Agent Barclay to the Admiral, for Capt. Bass of Liverpool, who was held a hostage, but has been upon parole, which he has broken & has absconded. So I know not when I may expect him. Mr. Miller is going for Bermudas, as he tells me.

7. Sunday. Notes. Mary Beckford & Children, d. of their father Capt. John Beckford abroad at Montevideo upon the Plate River, South America, pr. for absent friends. He came young to Salem from Durham, N. H. & was a very industrious, persevering

man & found great favour with W. Gray, since Lt. Gov. then a merchant in Salem. He was abroad in the same merchant's service as a Factor when he died. He had been absent three years from Salem when he died. He married a Niece of Capt. Joseph White of Salem in 1791 by whom he had four children. His estate chiefly in lands may be valued at 60,000 D. in the United States. He had a great property with him belonging to his Merchant & himself when he died, but many doubts remain about it. The best hopes are from the abilities of the Merchant & the great influence he can employ to recover the property if proper documents exist. The State of war & the present condition of Montevideo, as well as the character of the present inhabitants, add to our fears & to our difficulties. Capt. J. B. was bent on getting money. He was little with his family and appeared to love them, but money had great attractions. He gave himself to the pursuit & had talents for it. He has educated his Nephews who are now abroad. His wife was Mary Ramsdell & possesses a small share of health but good disposition.

Lemuel Phillips & wife, d. of her Sister Caldwell, who was a Carrol, & the Mother a Waters, at the Bridge, in Massey House in which Mr. Waters kept a Tavern for many years. The death was sudden, at 42 y. leaving a Husband & six children.

We are told a N. C. Clergyman was in town last week with his servants & horses quite at the top of the Southern style. He exhibited his talents in the Tabernacle, but I have not heard with what effect.

8. Several military arrangements making in Salem. We have a corps of volunteers from the Engine men & exempts, & another corps of uniform troops is forming. The wooden guns proposed for our fort by the Major General have not gained him high favour with his own party who promoted him not for military but political purposes. One of our poor fishing men has his little boat taken from him & burnt & he put adrift in his boat many miles from land, without anything to eat or drink. And another came in last week from whom they had taken his foresail valued at 3 dollars. These are the mighty feats of Ships of 74 guns in our bay.

12. Our Cadets were out yesterday & had an elegant supper at the new Hotel into which Mr. Grey's superb Hotel has been converted. The style of the supper was that of Boston as is the Hotel itself, & is another example of the change of public manners, & another expedient to hasten our motions towards Luxury, dissipation, expence & extravagance. When I came to Salem at the peace, we had only two taverns. Newell's Tavern at Lynn was the only house that we above a Teamster's Inn in all Essex. We have now the two Hotels of Newbury Turnpike within ten miles of Salem. The Lynn Hotel on Salem Turnpike, the Spring Hotel at

Spring pond, the Hotel at Nahant, besides a System of Hotels in Salem, like a nest of Hingham boxes one within the other, the Great Hotel at Gray's & the two aids in Essex Street, besides private houses of entertainment everywhere. And all this increase without the increase of our population to twice its former numbers. The Hotel opposite Market street is just beginning & as the phrase is, Getting under way.

13. On the Neck this afternoon. Things as they are. The Barracks are small at Fort Lee but are finished. The whole area is leveled with rotten rock, no platforms & one 24 pounder. A regular guard, pay, & rations, flag, & powder magazine. The form of the fort as before. At the Hospital between Watch House point & Butt point or the bar, a redoubt with platforms & embrasures, a guard at the hospital stationed, & Centinel boxes at the hospital watch house point, at the remains of the old Juniper fort and at Juniper point. On the Island is an encampment of the detached men left here under Capt. Mudge of Lynn. Their encampment is upon Abbot's Hill between Abbot's Cove & the Fort point, after passing the causey & on the left. About one hundred men form this encampment facing the Cove toward Fort Pickering. At Fort Pickering, belonging to U. S. A., is a regular body of men under Capt. Greene & Lt. Earle. The men are under good discipline, in good health & able bodied men. In front of the fort is, on the right as you stand at the Fort gate on the west side, a level ground for a parade secured by a sea wall on the North side. On the left upon the higher ground where once stood an unfinished breast work, is a garden disposed in good order. The fort commands only on the line of the shore upon half a circle, but it is well covered by Fort Lee on the north west distant not half a mile. At the same distance nearly is the redoubt at the hospital. The men all appeared chearful, & willing, & in all respects well disposed for their situation. Two English ships of war seen beyond the Islands, distance six miles.

Capt. Robert Foster, aet. 73, who was buried this day was a man of the greatest muscular force & of the best proportions of any man in Salem. His voice was the strongest I ever heard. His natural intellect was strong, but uncultivated. Things which lay before him he comprehended as well as any man, & his social habits were correct, strong & generous. He was a blacksmith & wrought at the occupation near his house in the North fields near the Bridge. He had his commission from the Militia but was a Volunteer in the American war. I was often with him in the Lodge at my first establishment in Salem. I loved his frankness, temperance, sincerity, perseverance & consistency, & always visited him as I passed, particularly when Master Watson lived in the fields. He soon began to fail after he left his active employment, which he followed till seventy years, & if he had left it only by degrees, the length of his life must have been incalculable.

14. Sunday. Last week I received from Dr. Henry Cummings of Billerica his Half Century Discourse addressed to the People of his Charge Feb. 21, 1813. Just before his neighbour in the same County, Rev. Eliab Stone of Reading Precinct, about 10 miles eastward, printed the Sermon of the same name. These venerable men have each an appropriate character. Mr. Stone has been more distinguished by his agricultural habits & economy than by his professional attainments, tho' of unblemished reputation. Dr. Cummings has less property by his labour, but he has a more exalted & improved mind. The person of Dr. Cummings is majestic, his utterance ready, & his sermons original. Dr. Cummings never fell into the white wig* fashion which Stone long retained. Dr. Cummings I place among the first men of his age & as a Palace seen in his ruins. Both these Ministers are of the pure Congregational Communion, & exact in their discipline. Dr. Cummings has been much used on Council in Churches. I have been with him on such occasions. In Doctrine both were nearly Arminians differing little from each other, & not more than one man of little enquiry, does from another of greater research with whom in good friendship he long associates. They defended in substance the doctrines which Episcopacies held before the synod of Dort. Both of them at College were paupers, & by the antient arrangement at the bottom of their classes at Cambridge. Cummings was so dependant as to be Butler's Freshman at his admission. He now stands at the head of his order, as the Public sense would class him.

15. This day the Transport Brig Doris from Senegal, a prize to the Grampus of Baltimore, reached Marblehead. Her few soldiers had been landed & she brought 2 Arabian horses, a Hyena, & 2 Jackalls for the British R[oyal] family. It is so rare to see a prize that this small one in amount was very welcome. It is said the enemy talk of amusing us by taking off the blockade of a few ports for the neutral commerce by which they think they may profit.

16. A child of 10 drowned at our lower wharves. I have not in 30 years lost one of my society at these wharves. Children are frequently drowned but not commonly of such families as have a free use of the wharves. Mr. Miller agent of B. Prisoners at Halifax lately with us has been virulently attacked. It is said he was not so good to the confined as paroled prisoners. It seems he was irritable, but not an ill disposed man at any time.

18. Yesterday I walked to Danvers. Visited Capt. J. Gardner aet. 78, at his seat on the road from North fields to New Mills, in the house first built by Bradish of Salem. Found this walk to Danvers lower Meeting pleasant & not much longer than by the Great Road. Went to visit a daughter of Deacon Phippen, first a Hobbes, now a Simonds. Found a new County road from this House

* Mr. Stone's wig is now in the museum of the Essex Institute.

opposite to the Meeting House to the Boston old road, passed in to the Mills first erected for boring Logs on the Streams from Spring pond emptying by Trask & Frye's Mills into North River. These Mills had been burnt when in use for Chocolate grinding, but are now more secure & used for Chocolate & Grist Mills. The artificial pond is a beautiful object, tho' small, yet it is constantly supplied by the brook & may be filled in the night for the day's use. The Chocolate mill is by stones as grist mills, with a wider eye, such as was first introduced by Cooke at the Grist Mills, North End, Boston under my G. Father Paine. In passing up through the garden of Mr. Simonds we saw the brook passing the whole length of the garden & on the side towards the south wholly inclosed by a stone wall under which it ran, as the mills were going, with considerable swiftness & great clearness upon a gravelly bottom. Above the mills we passed through the wood belonging to the estate formerly of the Ancestor of the Derby family, when I came to Salem, & now in better cultivation than ever under a Mr. Emerson of Topsfield, a rich Landholder. From the heights we wished to see the small brook which enters Spring brook below where it is called Butt brook upon Boston old road, a brook which passes by the side of the road leading to Reading & Lynnfield by Newhall's & the Lynnfield Hotel, upon which stood Boyce's Mill, the same person who was concerned afterward with Trask, 1712. I found Gen. Foster at his mills & find for their accommodation that he was active in obtaining from the Court of Sessions this new road near his Mills which the Town would not grant after several full meetings in Danvers on the subject. In 1706, Boyce petitioned to set up a Mill to wash Leather. It was left with the Selectmen to grant the petition if the town received no damage. It is said he had then lands on Strong Water brook. The grant of the tide mill to Capt. Trask was in 1640. It was 72 years afterwards his Son Boyce petitioned to have it removed to Spooner's or Symonds point. We found Mr. Emerson on Derby farm had 15 acres of corn said to be the largest field of Corn this season in Danvers. In Mr. Symonds' Garden we saw squash called African of 40 wt. & still growing.

19. This day I sailed to Marblehead in the Revenue Cutter with Capt. G. Hodges, Surveyor. We visited Capt. Bayley at the Fort, Capt. Wilson, the Revenue Officer, & Capt. Selman, a Veteran Officer of the Town. Our intention was to see the Arabian Horses, the Hyena & the Jackalls. The Horses we found at the stall of the Stage Horses, the Hyena was shown to us by Mr. Horcrue the Inspector between decks in the Brig. The Jackalls were in the lower hold & had not been seen but for a moment by the Inspector, being concealed among the articles below. We observed in the Arabian horse nothing of the strength we should associate with the animal. The Horse was said to be of 2 years & the Mare 8 years old. They had been on very short allowance

& were now recovering. The Horse was the more generous animal. The short hair on the body of a gray colour, but not deep, gave an elegant appearance & the step of the animal was graceful, easy, & firm but not strong. The legs were small & the horse has a black streak over the back, widest at the tail, but no fullness of the posteriors. We only inspected but did not examine these animals, which were tame & feeble in extreme from their short fare on the Voyage. The Hyena was the striped Hyena. It impressed me more as a Fox than a dog from his front wide, & sharpening at the muzzle. Its fore legs were much stouter than the hinder, but to the eye not much longer, but it had all the ferocity of its native state. Persons in the Vessel could go freely to it, but still it would bite upon the least irritation. It stood patiently tied, till the strangers passed between decks; it then kept in continual motion the length of its rope in & out. It often bites off its rope, but is not feared by the Crew. The Jackalls chuse not to come in sight, but when the seamen are below show no hostility, till attempts are made to seize them. The Mane which he raises at pleasure gives notice of the fury of the Hyena. Its bristled back marks it for a Hog, its name. The posture of the head for a dog, the shape of the head for a Fox, the ferocity for a wolf, but its strong fore paws mark it for a bear. And it performs the same office in the southern climates which the bear does in the northern.

20. Went to that part of the Beverly shore called Mackerel Cove. I find that the inhabitants agree in designating one cove by that name. Below the bluff on which the Hospital stands which they were fixing for a guard house, is the Black sand cove called Patch's beach. We passed in the Revenue Cutter & brought away a basket of the Sand.

21. Sunday. Note. William Webb & children, d. of his d. Elizabeth, aet. 19, of a fever, pr. for two children sick, but upon recovery. He is a son of John Webb, his mother a Phelps, still living above 80 y. of age. He buried his wife in November last. Three Ch., one Son.

22. The arrival of the John Adams, Ship of war of U. S., at Castine, Maine, with an account of several captures she had made & vessels destroyed & with 60 prisoners is an incident of much congratulations. A valuable prize to a privateer from Baltimore is also another proof that the spirit of enterprise is still rewarded. Yet a Capt. in the Military force of the Gov. of this place was pleased at a public occasion to give as his glass, "Monkeys & Jackalls to all privateers." Such malignity is popular & this same man lately was one of the most busy privateersmen of the place. Alluding to the late prize at Marblehead, having Arabian horses, hyena & Jackals for England.

23. The Major G. of this County, late a Shoemaker, & party man, has encouraged a dispute at Gloucester between the detached

troops of Gloucester & the regular troops of the U. S. by forbidding a return of some guns in the new fort belonging to the U. S. A. In consequence Major Hight is held up to reproach. No notice has yet been taken of the publication on the subject in Salem, & republication at Boston. We learn from Marblehead that the Hyena attempting to leap into the lower hold of the Vessel not having cord enough to reach the bottom, was hanged by the cord & perished. In Marblehead two accidents have happened from the Armed Guards of the Town. One of a young man who foolishly challenged the guard & was shot & still lingers in uncertainty. Another of an old Negro returning late from a frolick who was shot for not answering & advancing. In this town we have had no such difficulties. The Citizens acquiesce, & the military stations are below the town, & not interfering with any habitations. Last week Col. Pickering, Gore, & Otis were upon our Common, but I never heard of it till next day, tho' near my door. They were invited to partake with King's Infantry at a temporary encampment.

25. An answer in the Reg[ister] to the Gaz[ette] has appeared vindicating the conduct of Major Hight at Gloucester, shewing the statement altogether false. That Major Hight consulted for the better accommodation of the citizens. Marblehead has received more money for the fortifications erected by its own citizens, than the whole amount of the direct Tax, above 18 h. D.

26. Yesterday appeared Blood's Company, S. E. Ward bounded by Essex & Orange st. It was in Uniform & performed with great ease much beyond any examples of militia.

27. The Fort at Hospital point in Beverly displays a flag, so that we have three in sight within one mile. The troops are still in their encampment, but I urged Capt. Mudge to retire & take shelter at Fort Lee, & in the hospital which could accommodate them. Capt. Green & Lt. Earle have made some better arrangements at the Fort on Winter Island. Two large Ships were seen beyond the Islands from the Neck this afternoon. Contributions were made in Salem to assist the uniform of the East Company, & we are told that corresponding aid will be given throughout the town. At the U. S. Fort on Winter Island the Officers were building a boat for the service of the fort, about 26 by 6 feet, whale boat fashion. This is to be done by the Ship Carpenters in the garrison, & it was nearly finished. It is supposed that half the expence will be saved, as the first estimate is about 30 dollars. Should they be deceived, the industry it encourages is a good example to the garrison and may be followed with benefit in other arts.

28. Sunday. In Salem we have had a visit at the q[uar]terly meeting from John More, a Friend of Philadelphia & a practicing physician, & John Baylies of Hanover. They invited the Africans to their meeting on Tuesday evening & I attended. The address urged three examples as assisting in the best manner the labours

of the friends of the abolition of Slavery, but it was done in such a manner & so connected with other things as might lead a hearer to suspect that he did not feel the full weight of the argument, & could not press it properly. John Baylies told the negroes while one preacher told them one thing & another, another, they could go to the light within. I thought of a white washer at College, W. Massey once of Salem, who at Concord fight, by the advice of Aunt Sara, went to hear the band of Music in his Sunday cloaths. He mounted a second range of fence & received a ball down his throat without any injury to his teeth or his lips so wide did he open his mouth.

29. Visitation of the Town Schools. A Mr. Sawyer succeeds Mr. Hacker who withdraws from the public service being paralytic & very infirm. The Scholars of the 5 Schools amounted to 380, of these nearly a hundred belonged to the East & West schools. The North, Central & Grammar schools supplied the remainder. The general appearance was as good as ever, but without a particular character to any part. The writing has greatly depreciated since Mr. Hacker has been withdrawn from his labours. We scarcely had a specimen that was tolerable.

30. The public mind was in distress from the loss of Washington. It was taken on the 25th with the loss of the public stores, the navy yards, & the Capitol. We have not the circumstances to determine the history of the event. We are told the President & the Secretary of State were among the last to leave the City. It would have been rash, we are told, for the forces assembled to have resisted any longer. Gen. Hill who commands the enemy is in possession of the President's House.

31. Capt. Leavens in recovering his Vessel & bringing her in alone has high praise. Mr. Wells boat builder promises Capt. Porter of the Essex a proud boat as a tribute to his patriotism. The Action of the Wasp & the capture of the British Sloop of War Reindeer rated 18 guns does honour to Capt. Blakely & relieves the present state of our minds with future hopes of good things in reserve for us.

September 1, 1814. A packet from Boston to Bath & several vessels put within our Islands & after standing backwards & forwards were putting out again. This rendered their character suspicious. A privateer in our harbour was soon manned & went in chase. After several shot the Schooner Packet came to but so equivocally as still to leave her purpose in doubt, especially as the example was followed by the other Vessels, which did attempt & effect an escape. It was discovered that seeing a British Frigate in the bay, the Sch[ooner] put in, but thinking the Frigate was going out of the bay, put out again on her voyage. This discovers the state of alarm, & the lookout as it is called, which is kept in this place. We have a report that an expedition to Salem & Mar-

blehead is intended at Halifax. Attempts have been made to persuade us of a large fleet off Nantucket & some men presume to say we shall soon have a neutrality like Nantucket. Some are openly glad of the loss of Washington, some wish it had extended to Baltimore & some wish the President & H. of Departments in the flames. Such the spirit.

2. We hear that the President has returned to Washington, & the Secretary of State. These were among the last to leave the City & were with General Wilder's army below Washington. The British soon left this place after in cool blood they had destroyed the public buildings. Is there not some hidden curse? In Boston, a Town Meeting was asked, but the Selectmen did not think fit to grant one & a justice of the peace, Judge Wetmore granted a warrant. It is expected that Mr. Dexter will take the same part on this occasion that Mr. Rufus King has taken at New York, & justify the measures for a most vigorous defence. If we suffer, it is by a desperate faction.

3. The British at our Capital busy with destruction. We are told they took their departure on the next day. Landed at Benedict, 19 August & were on 25 at Washington & left on 26. The manner of defence is to be explained. The President returned to Washington on 27. The destruction of the public property complete. New York is giving a proud example. The Blacks turned out, the emigrants a body, the different artificers, ministers with their parishioners, Donations & loans assist. In going to New Mills this day, I passed with Mr. Stearns to see a remarkable Squash vine in a garden in Boston street, Salem, on the side of the wash of the Hill west of the Town. It had upon it six large squashes one of which measured five feet in circumference & was nearly round. The other squashes were of an uncommon size & would have been wonders in any other company. At Capt. Crowninshield's farm near Waters' Bridge & on the Old Endicott farm, in a pile of manure we saw as many more, but still the growth of the one in Boston street was beyond the rest but all of them monsters. This squash is commonly known by the name of the Blue Squash, is also named after different persons who had cultivated it, & is also called the African squash. It is said it came from Smyrna. When of small size it has been praised upon the Table but it has never compared with the crooked neck or winter squash which has long been cultivated in our gardens. It has all the properties of the pumpkin & is so used. We saw at Capt. C's the Citronille, dark green spotted. It was in the form precisely answering to its name. In defect of Melons & Apples we have been supplied more freely with the Black berry with which our woods abound. But this year bushels have been brought from Manchester, from whence our market was never so liberally provided. These berries retain their form longer, are of the size of the mulberry when in

perfection & in the market appear much more enticing than the common blackberry. High berry is the vulgar name.

5. An alarm of the intended invasion of Salem has been brought up from Halifax & it has made great shaking. One of our families was displeased at a question of the prudence of letting one of his family remove. Another let his Brothers go. And a third thinks the women & Children away, the men might stay behind. I have been asked to use all influence to stop the frenzy. I replied I should attempt it again only by example. Already it is difficult to find houses not engaged in this Country out of the Sea ports. As we go on the Town will be evacuated, for I find the men stay away to take care of their families, lest they should be alarmed at their absence. I charge the panic to the men.

8. Yesterday was appointed for the Town Meeting on the subject of Defense. In the preceeding evening a select band of Opp[osition] under the auspices of the Ex. Sec. & his family meet. The Reps. supposed that a Union was contemplated. Mr. Ashton declined as Moderator & the Chairman of the Selectmen was chosen. He was a thorough going man. Every proposition was rejected which tended to Union, & a motion strenuously maintained by the Son, J. P[ickering], a Lawyer, that the whole matter of defense should be left to the Selectmen. These were known to be men in the opposition & in the common walks of life without any military knowledge, one but lately in town & another a quaker. The vote was taken several times, but at last the Reps. refused voting. But what the fate of Alexandria could not accomplish the seasonable arrival of the President's proclamation obliged. The public feelings were rising, & it was now known that all our Sea-ports were declared to be at the mercy of the enemy. The Selectmen soon delivered themselves from their new appointment, & calling upon the higher military men in Salem, they gave full power to proceed in all such arrangements with the Governour & for the town as their own convictions & the sense of the Town might require. The town was not soon persuaded that such arrangements were made from jealousy of the Opposition.

9. We have the news that the enemy lodged at Eastport in Passamaquoddy, have extended their claims to the Pennobscot, had landed & taken Castine, & surrounded the fort which had a few men, not exceeding 20, & had also crossed the bay to Belfast under Lord Sherbrooke & had attempted to take the Sloop of war Adams, Morris commander, by boats. But failing in the attempt had landed & marched to her station. Capt M. unable to defend her any longer & not being able to rely on the Militia, dismissed his men & blew up the Ship & has reached Portland. Salem will soon be evacuated at the present rate. Under pretence of taking care of their families & property, few men are left. We have many promises.

10. The Sandy bay attack has been variously represented. The prisoners were secreted & suffered to escape under pretence of the exposure to the enemy. It is ascertained that Capt. Morris of the Adams is safe at Portland & is assisting to defend that place. It is said the enemy are preparing to leave Penobscot & bring their forces westward. The alarm is so great that we are nearly depopulated. The quantity of Goods removed is immense, as yet with me nothing has been started.

11. Sunday. Our part of the Town almost evacuated by its Inhabitants. Notes. Samuel Lambert & wife, death of his Brother Jonathan. This is the bold adventurer that seized upon an Island in the Great Ocean & collected a few companions to inhabit it, & gave notice that he should supply all circumnavigators. He perished when fishing in his boat with some of his Companions. He was a man of real genius & intrepidity. Nothing common could satisfy him & he had acquired all that general knowledge which observation in Men & manners could supply. He had a ready tongue & good pen, an enquiring mind & a power to know & possess what circumstances could give him, at the instant they appeared. I knew him intimately well.

Penn Townsend & wife & children, death of her brother Stephen, & a brother in Captivity. Stephen Richardson was in a small Privateer, the Viper, & was killed in an act[ion] & afterwards carried into Maine & buried at Machias. He has left a Wife & children in Salem, aet. 38.

Sara Battin & Daughter, d. of her Brother Coffin abroad. Mrs. Townsend's Brother Addison Richardson is in captivity at Barbadoes. Sam Coffin died at Londonderry, N. H., aet. 49.

12. The people of the neighbourhood express their surprise to see people tumbling over [one] another to get out of Salem. The smallest & most inconvenient buildings are crowded. One farmer at Hamilton said he had three families in his house. They hardly get out of the confines of Salem before they seat themselves & very few leave the County. Of the families of my society already removed the following is their location: G. Crowninshield sen., B. Crowninshield, the son, W. Silsbee, & his Mother in law, Widow of B. Hodges, N. Silsbee, Robert Stone, sen., Widow Hosmer, Wid. Beckford, are at Andover North; Robert Stone jun. is at Danvers upper; Z. Silsbee, Wid. Richardson, Middletowne Farms; Joseph Webb, Ipswich; Capt. Rice, & Knap, Danvers Lower; Moses Townsend, Danvers upper. These seem to have made a full removal. All the others have sent away more or less of their goods & have not entirely removed their families. I do not know the proportion in the other societies. The alarm has been great. The news from the eastward is that the British expect to be in full possession of all New England. They have however no landing west of Penobscot bay yet. The preparations at Portland, Portsmouth & Boston laudable.

13. The weather stormy & comforting to the fearful. This is to them a reprieve during the September storm. The Armed Vessels have been stopped in the Potomac by our brave Commanders. For those who calculate everything in pence, we are told the loss at Washington cannot exceed 2 millions of dollars. That we were alarmed & the enemy panic struck when they left Washington. One does not even think of the heroism of some of our modern declaimers. Neither purse nor tongue now, & as to fighting it is not in their bargain. It is useful to live a short time in such a scene.

15. We were refreshed with McDonough's victory on Lake Champlain. It was a brave achievement & filled us with joy. Our Eastern Bell sounded the joy in the morning at eight o'clock. But many thought it too good to be true, & some better than they wished, & so the joy was delayed, as their fortifications, to see whether the enemy are coming, when the town is almost evacuated through fear, & not deserted last by those who have said most. At noon the Forts fired a Salute which told the Officers, I deemed, their bounden duty to the Nation. We have the news of the return of a Privateer called the Portsmouth to that place with a valu[able] cargo of Goods which the privateer took into possession from the prize & has brought into port.

16. We continue to have rainy & stormy weather. Mr. Perkins set his nets in North River for the Salmon Trout. He says they have not returned to these waters above three years. He has taken several this year & promises me some of the first draught.

17. In Boston the fortifications on Dorchester heights & Noddle's Island are added to those of Governour's Island & Fort Independence. Troops arrive daily at Boston from the Gen. orders of the Governour. In Maine the Enemy hold Penobscot bay, & that & Passamaquoddy will tell of their rapacity. Portland is putting itself in a good state of defence. They are in good spirits and daily preparations at Portsmouth. In Salem we are parading & deserting the settlement. News of the d. of my good friend Capt. John Morgan in a prison ship in England. This brave adventurer was from the Middle states. He had an uncommon knowledge of naval Architecture, navigation & command, tho' in person small, & very unpromising. He was taken by the enemy after his first cruise in which in a small boat he brought in a ship of above 600 tons. He on his last adventure built the Enterprise on the Neck, where I frequently met him. This vessel many attempted to copy & even the builders did not get the model so as successfully to imitate it. His mode of rigging plunged the first Vessel that dared to use it. He was however taken by the enemy. Letters were repeatedly written to recover him but in vain. The officious zeal we discovered, gave him a high price with the enemy. He first became hostage at Halifax & then was ordered for England, & now has perished. A more cool, intrepid, well informed, & promising man has not fallen under my notice.

Salem, Mass., U. S. A. September 17, 1814. Copy of a Letter to President Madison. Sir, forgive me. My ancestor came to America in 1711. He was a young officer under the Duke of Marlborough in Flanders, & was sent by Queen Anne to Canada. He was lost by the pilots on Anticosta. His only child, my Grandfather, intended for the navy, fought under General Pepperell in Canada in 1745. My father was with Wolfe in 1759 in the year of my birth, & is now living at 90 years. My brother John, named after Admiral B. who was here in 1745, is now a sergeant in the 21 Regiment. He was a Volunteer from Maine, zealous, sincere, with a child in his house named Madison & another named Galatin. May I not ask that this letter may assist him to a Commission of Ensign. A warm unshaken sincere friend of Mr. Madison, your devoted servant, W. B.

John was in the battle of Chipewa & Bridgewater & slightly wounded. The whole race of one heart & one mind. A company of exempts having in charge 2, 18s Cannon at the entrance of the Neck appeared this afternoon for exercise. They are under the command of Capt. Joseph Ropes, who lately commanded the America on her first cruise. He had some of our best citizens under him & the appearance was very encouraging to our hopes of defence.

18. Sunday. Notes. B. Webb, wife & children, d. of his mother Judith. She a Phelps, aet. 84. She had been in his family since the d. of her husband in 1811. Pr. for a Son long absent, a prisoner. William Webb & children, d. of his Mother, p. for a daughter sick. He has lost a Wife & d. lately. Judith Kelley, d. of her Mother Webb, pr. for her husband in captivity. Eunice Perkins, d. of her sister Webb. She a younger sister & an elder sister Southward still living, p. also for her children in captivity. Thomas Magoun & wife, d. of one of their children, Isaac, at 7 y. of age. In the morning service at Sermon we were interrupted by the shouts abroad upon favourable news of Baltimore. The Joy had its explosion, & we returned to service.

19. First Regimental review since the General Orders of the Governor. The Squadron of Horse were upon the parade & the Regiment of Artillery under Col. Russel. The Salem Regiment under Col. White never looked so well as most of them had a company uniform. Capt. S. White's Cadets had shortened their coats & exchanged their hats for caps & deserved much notice. King's Infantry with their Cannon & pikemen looked well. The Mechanic Infantry were few but in good order. The exempts were a novel sight. Capt. Joseph Ropes had a most excellent company of men under him & two 18s which they brought upon parade through the town on Winter island & in the afternoon upon the square. Capt. Waters exempts amounted to 80 but had no opportunity for exercise, & therefore only appeared & were dismissed. They have also two 18s upon travelling carriages. The Cadets have two 9s but they were not brought upon parade.

20. A frigate in the Offing excited some attention. It was thought a heavier ship because alone. But the British have so easy communications with Ships along the coasts that our Ships do not chuse singly to risk a squadron. We are still without the particular history of Baltimore & Plattsburg, so that the extent of our advantages, great as they are known to be, are not yet communicated. We hear that Danvers artillery is to be ordered to Beverly. We still have an insufficient force in this quarter.

21. At Boston last week troops had arrived from 20 towns, every accommodation provided. Major Gen. White commands & his Brig. Gen. Maltby & Bliss, Lt. Col. Edwards the Artillery. The Boston Exempts a Guard, Engine men ready. Marblehead strong. Salem slow & sure. This day the Standard was presented to the East Militia company under Capt. Blood. It cost about 60 Dollars & was collected by Reb. Becket & Mary Lambert, from the ladies of the neighbourhood. The Standard was handsomely delivered by Rebecca Becket in Derby street from the house occupied by her Brother Capt. J. Becket, opp. the Crowninshield wharf.

22. The Barges from British Ships went into Kettle Cove on Tuesday night & took away two fishing boats. They returned but upon appearance of resistance they retired. It has been suspected that under the cover of a dark night they enter our harbours but they have not been detected. Should our Lights be continued? The heirs of Thomas Maule say that their G. G. F. Maule gave the land & the first building for the Friends Meeting in Salem & that the building repeatedly repaired & enlarged has never been entirely removed. That the family estate lay near it & that his old House was given for a Meeting House when he built another. One of the Stores from English's Wharf, when Derby bought it, is now upon the Silsbee lot in Northfields & has very lately been covered with new shingles. This afternoon I was at Berry's at Felt's Wharf, North field side. The rain interrupted the Military parade.

23. We are still waiting for the events on the Chesapeake. Nothing is officially disclosed. Saw a dish of pewter belonging to Thomas Maule who gave much trouble to the first & second generation in Salem ch. a Quaker. The dish is not like Skery's with a broad rim but of the usual proportions but evidently much used. The Herbert House at Water's town, now point of rocks on the neck, was in the hollow facing the town, as was Water's house. The marks on Maule's dish are M T N Thomas & Naomi Maule. The person who gave me this information still holds Thomas Maule's book lately lent to me. A Baltimore Privateer arrived in this port under the cover of the weather, with a British privateer she took at noon, & with two small prizes retaken, which she dismissed. The Am. privateer has English goods taken from prizes which have fallen into her hands. We had the alarm of fire this night. A small building & barn were destroyed near the South mills.

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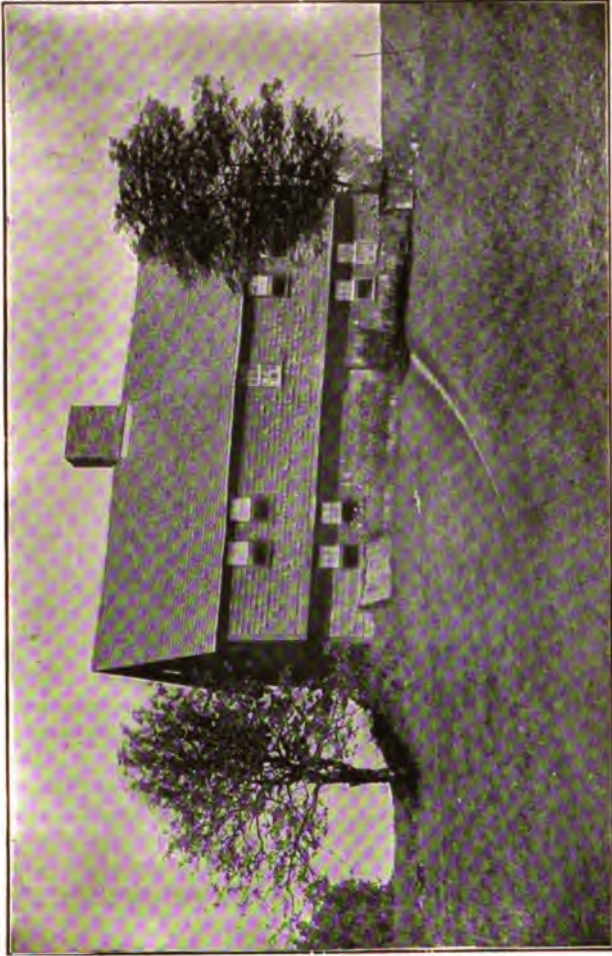
24. The privateer *Surprise*, Capt. Barnes, of Baltimore, which arrived here last evening saluted the town. 310 Tons burden, 10 eighteen pounders & from Newport with 140 men. She has taken 20 prizes in one month. She captured 2700 tons, brought in 37 prisoners & released 160. She has 114 packages of dry goods. A Ship with flour & wine has arrived at Portland. A Br. privateer *Lively* from Halifax, she brought in with her. A very good cruise. The zeal to prevent suffering from the want of fuel from Maine has sent many of our Citizens to the Turf Meadows. Several parties have been at the Legg Hill grounds, at the Great Swamp & at the Lynn line meadows. An uncommon combination of events distinguished this day. The Privateer *Surprise*, by the capture of the Br. privateer, gave an opportunity to arrive in safety a Ordnance ship of the highest value at the present moment for the Ship at Boston. The Ordnance Stores were intended for Canada, at once depriving the enemy, giving us supplies, & enriching our adventurous seamen.

Our Artillery on the Common. Cadets encamped on the heights of the neck. Light Infantry under Capt. King firing with their cannon at a target. Exempts exercising their Cannon. The Vice-president with me today. In a conference with Col. W. Lee of the Customs he was of the opinion that the Ordnance Ship should be unladed without delay. But the responsibility no man would take, & nothing was done, but the public mind was so agitated, that some way it wrought up an alarm at midnight. The alarm was first given at Beverly but whether by intention or not a seargeant of the detached men from Fort Lee came to Capt. Ropes's company on the Neck to which I attached myself & said he heard cries & every expression of distress. But nothing appearing after news from Beverly, we retired & slept the rest of the night undisturbed. Some said ships were seen off. I was on the Neck till dark & in Capt. White's tents & markees, & heard & saw nothing, but the affirmations were strong. The women crouded together in the streets. One man who was inclined to be neutral, having professed much & reaped much, thought the night bell ought not to ring.

25. Sunday. Note. Mary Hancock & Mother, d. of a Son, aet. 59, pr. for a Father in prison & another Child sick.

26. Was on board the Ordnance Ship which is prize to the Fox & saw the first Cannon landed on the Crowninshield wharf. All hands are busy in unlading the Ordnance ship that her contents might not fall into the hands of the enemy should they venture in during the night in their barges. Military daily exercises. Mr. W. Winthrop with me attracted by the news of the Ordnance Ship.

27. I went in the morning to the C. Wharf to see the Baltimore privateer *Surprise* which in her model was strangely contrasted with the Ordnance ship near which she lay, as a Scotchman said, like a race horse along with a Cart horse. A sharper vessel of that



THE PARSON CAPEN HOUSE, TOPSFIELD, BUILT IN 1683.

From a photograph made in 1900.

burden 300 tons is seldom seen, even of stouter sides than the Ord. Ship. Her cat mast small, her under Officers forward, in two berths, of which the most forward was from the Carpenters', gunners, &c. &c., off the forward berths was the Cook room, the utensils in good order & sufficient. The hatches are covered in quarters. Her lower yards were very long & large. She had just reached the wharf & was at all parts to be conveniently approached. One article of natural history gratified me. I saw as many pollack as could touch the bottom of the Ordnance Ship feeding with great voracity on the foul bottom of the ship, which had been 90 days at sea.

This day by invitation I went to Topsfield with Mr. James Stearns whose wife was a daughter of the 40 farm Emerson, g. son of John Emerson, a former pastor of Topsfield who died in 1774. The intention was to visit the Lands of the last Old Charter Governour Simon Bradstreet of whose descendants was the wife of Mr. Emerson, & upon whose lands she was born. We dined at Mr. Emerson's who was absent but with his family handsomely. I found myself on the spot which I first visited in 1773, on which Revd John Emerson lived, & part of his house was united to the large house of Mr. Emerson his son in which the Aged Pastor lived, part of which projected had been in the past year taken away. It is N. E. from the Meeting house upon the plain. Above it is the house of the minister before Mr. Emerson as you ascend the hill going eastward. The house of the Rev. Mr. Capen. It is said each of them were in the ministry above 40 years. This house of Mr. Capen is nearly in its primitive state & is the place to receive the families of the men who labour on the lands around, Mr. Emerson keeping 600 acres in cultivation & use around him. Mr. Capen's house is of two Stories with jutting second stories & a very sharp & high roof. The beams & joice are naked within but the floor timbers are less than usual at that time of building. The study & lodging room of Mr. Emerson left at the building of the New House are now taken away, but the remains within the line of the new House discover the primitive style of building. In going from the Meeting House we passed to the neighbourhood of the Newbury turnpike Hotel & pursued upon the Turnpike our route for a small distance to what is called the dry Bridge to distinguish it from the bridge over the river not a mile below. We passed by this passage upon a country road, under the Turnpike road, & came to the house of Mr. Sylvanus Wildes, who was of the same class with me at Cambridge & graduated in 1777. He prepared himself for the bar & took the oaths, but has not entered into practice. He is a long talker & a friend of singular opinions, but has been much confined by the nervous affection of his wife. He was engaged with his flax, & with little change from time. Before his door he had a little inclosure of quince trees, which attracted more

notice as the trees were laden with fruit, while a general want of fruit is the complaint of the season. These fruits are usually preserved in sugar. In the want of sugar, cut & dried. After a few words about his family & children around him we left his small farm & continued on the country road about a mile, & then leaving it turned to the left upon the farm road to the Bradstreet lands. The whole of these were thought to include about 300 acres, & we found upon the height of land the house of Mr. Samuel Bradstreet, the Brother of Mrs. Emerson who accompanied us. The situation was delightful, but this elevation had been chosen by the heirs, & not by the Patriarch who first came into possession. I found the cellar of his house like that of Gov. Endicott on the acivity of the hill so that the present mansion house is on the top of the hill northwest of the Old Mansion which was sheltered by the hill & had before it a small pond which has not yet quite disappeared. Near the Cellar we found a very antient pear tree, which had stood above one hundred years, tho probably wanting fifty years of the age of the Endicott. It had been grafted four times with four different kind of fruit. The native fruit was still on it & this was a small round & hard pear for winter of which I took a specimen. We then passed to the river which in a very winding course passes south of the house at the distance of one quarter of a mile & about equal distance from the location of both mansions. We visited the banks of the river which had fallen, but has been uncommonly swollen by the rains so that the hay of the meadows will probably be lost this season. This river at this place is the boundary line between Topsfield and Hamilton formerly & till lately part of Ipswich from which settlement the river is named as the place at which it empties. On the opposite side while on the banks of the river the view beyond the meadows is terminated by a swamp three miles in length & about one mile in width north & south, over which the land holders pass when frozen in winter to Wenham. Of the original Bradstreet possession about 70 acres were meadow exclusive of the woodlands near the river called Islands. The woods lands we know daily decrease & change much from the first appearance of the country. As we proceeded by the pasture bridle road towards the top of the hill on which the house stood, we saw on the S. W. many turf houses which had been erected formerly & were now again occupied in preparing that convenient article of fuel on the other side of the river. At the house we had an extensive prospect. A little south of east at a few miles distance appeared Hamilton Meeting House. About south was to be seen over the swamp Wenham Meeting House & west of south the Meeting House of Upper Beverly. The high lands of Danvers & Topsfield were on the west, till the eye passed to Topsfield on the N. W. On the eastern quarter were the high lands of Topsfield & Hamilton called Third Hill, Towne's, &c. near which runs the line of

Hamilton. The Swamp lays in Hamilton & Wenham. As the family were not prepared for the visit I could only leave enquiries of good hopes of seeing the deeds, papers, & antient books & monuments still to be found among them. On the south east was a house occupied by another branch of the family & in their lots was the site of the old mansion on the south eastern side of the hill then a Corn field. Upon our return we took the County road that was on our right from the dry bridge & turning to the left continued till we reached the turnpike & then where we entered it near the hotel we passed to our former place of visiting & taking tea, & in the evening returned by the usual road to Salem.

28. A second alarm about 10 in the evening. We were under arms till midnight & then dismissed as a false alarm. The first alarm last Saturday night after midnight.

29. This day as yesterday is distinguished by the Regimental muster. Indeed we are so continually within the sound of the drum, that we could easily imagine ourselves in a garrison, a State which the characteristic silence of Salem would be the last to prefer. The Ordinance or Cannon lately captured are conveyed to the Common. The bales are lodged in different Stores & a very powerful Curiosity has drawn many persons to see these seasonable supplies. The Flag of the New Ship Independance at Charlestown is again displayed to invite seamen into the service, & the great success of privateering still excites our seamen to brave all dangers. The America, our most successful privateer, is fitting out at Portsmouth. The Grand Turk is at sea. A small privateer lately sailed from this port. The Baltimore privateer is still here. Our best act is the entering of men into a Schooner to be armed & loaned by G. Crowninshield junr., to be used as a guard upon our harbour, to prevent the secret entrance of boats. It is to have a proper crew, who are to remain on board, in the harbour & Offing.

October 1, 1814. Yesterday for the first time I appeared & exercised with Capt. Ropes of the exempts of the Artillery. We have three Companies of exempts under Captains Ropes, Brown & Waters.

2. Sunday. This morning early died Rev. Thomas Barnard, D. D. of this town. He was seized with an Apoplexy yesterday morning & never recovered in the least degree till he expired. He was of a corpulent habit & rather inactive, but generally cheerful & social. He is the fourth generation of the New England preachers. His G. G. & G. Father were ministers at Andover, of good reputation, & real patriarchs. His Father who was most distinguished by his powers of mind, was first ordained in the upper part of Newbury towards Bradford, but had a mind too enlarged for a situation soon uncomfortable, & which he was afterwards obliged to relinquish. He then applied himself to the study of Law, but after the d. of Mr. Sparhawk was invited to Salem & was installed

in the first Church in 1755. He died in 1776, aet. 62, six years after the ord. of his Son. When a paralytic affection had disqualified him for his public duty, many of his sincere friends turned their thoughts towards the deceased, his son, but at the moment a man of fine genius appeared & divided the public opinion. The friends of the father & Son separated & built another meeting house, in which the Son has officiated forty two years. It is said a little excentricity marked his youth, but nothing like it had appeared since his establishment in the ministry. He was not a man of application, but of a yielding mind, tho' of kind purpose. In his profession he was cautious, friendly & patient. He had no talents at ready expression, & no ease of manner, & his Sermons did not possess the freedom & ease of thought. But such a confidence existed in his good disposition that he was as often on councils as any man in the County, & seemed at times even to expect this notice from all the neighboring churches. His wife was from the antient family of Gardner, in Salem, & preserved through life the character which economy has directed to the slow gains of men rising by application to business, to wealth, without parade & expenditure. She survives him. His children died before him, but were not of great hopes. When Dr. B. died he was aged 66. As he continued his professional duties till the last Sunday of his life, his death appeared very sudden, & his age beyond that of his father was forgotten. Whenever Dr. B. acted from himself he was on the good natured side, but he was easily influenced, & he did not always fall under the influence of good natured people. He however had no bitterness, party zeal, & implacable hatreds. He was soon at liberty whenever he could be found with surrounding cheerfulness & confidence, & therefore was sometimes thought too much the man of his condition than of his purpose, without any impeachment of his integrity. For the twenty-four years of my ministry I preserved an intimacy & never violated friendship. But the zeal of parties, the succession of strange ministers which gave a new turn to the association, & a decision with a wish for no controversies with men, I could not esteem, obliged as I thought, the part I took. To be friendly, but guarded, & for the sake of avoiding some men, to lose also some men I could otherwise have preferred & loved.

3. From circumstances it was thought best to have the funeral solemnities of Dr. Barnard this day, and it so happened that all the persons in the pulpit & at the pall were not of Salem. The devotional exercises were over in good season & the body was interred before sunset. Everything gave place to the orders of the day.

4. Was the Brigade Review in Marblehead farms. As I had attached myself to Captain Ropes' Sea Fencibles with the cannon of the United States I passed into the ranks & had no other opportunity to see the troops under arms, but as they passed when we marched round upon the parade. S. Derby was our B. Gen. &

A. Hovey our Major General. The concourse was great & on the hills north of the parade was brilliant. The Gen. & the regimental officers dined in a tent with their friends among who was Comm. Bainbridge from the Independence in Boston. They professed to be much pleased with the display of so much military preparation. I dined with my own Officers in a frugal but with a well prepared military repast, in which nothing was wanting to render it happy. We returned after dark, passing onward by the Marblehead road & back again by Salem Legge's hill road. Nothing in the military transactions excited any painful sensations or occasioned accidents. We had Salem, Lynn & Gloucester Regiments. A regiment of Artillery under Col. Russel from Salem, Marblehead, Lynn, Danvers & Gloucester. Part of the Marblehead regiment disengaged from the Forts was with us, & the independent Companies, Cadets, Light Infantry, & Mechanic Infantry from Salem, & two Companies of Sea fencibles from Salem, & Horse. The Cols. of the five Regiments of Infantry are White, Appleton, Dodge, Brimblecom & Gardiner. Of the Artillery, Col. Russel. As the subordinate officers change frequently I have not the names at present of such as were upon the Parade & we have as yet no military annual registers of the volunteer & uniform companies throughout the State. Capt. Joseph Ropes & Capt. Joseph Waters commanded the Sea fencibles. The first has two iron 18 lb. travelling Carriages of U. States, the other two brass nines of Mass. state. Capt. James Brown has a Company of exempt Infantry, but the last Company did not appear.

5. A Telegraph from Cape Ann to Boston. One staff at Manchester & one on Lord's Hill, Salem. Exempts assemble in all our Great Towns. The plan for arming a Schooner to lay afloat in our harbour & to prevent the passage of boats has been facilitated by generous propositions & the vessel is getting ready.

6. The Brig intended to guard our harbour against boats has fallen down to her moorings between the Fort on Winter Island & Naugus. Capt. G. Crowninshield 2d, the commander & owner, has 26 men under him. They have rations but not pay in this service. Our light house has not been touched yet. At Thatcher's Island the enemy landed & dug up potatoes. On the coast of Conn. they robbed a Lighthouse promising to return the oil & lamps if orders were given to keep them lighted, & one night they put in lights of themselves at Falkland Island, Conn.

7. On Wednesday night the Prisoners at the Guard Ship prepared for an escape. They had opened the bottom of the ship, but the fall of the plank gave the alarm & they all were secured. It is said at present in the Guard Ship are 180 prisoners. It lays at the end of the Wharf below the Universalist Meeting House, & is left entirely dry half the time. The end of the Wharf connected with the Ship is enclosed by a high fence. Messrs. Webb & Upton

have the charge & they are men of uncommon activity & vigilance.

8. Mr. Story of U. S. Army, Lt. of Engineers writes to Capt. Stephen White: "Mr. Bentley lost a Brother in the action, a sergeant in the 21 regiment. It will afford him satisfaction, I know, to learn that he died gallantly. He was within a few feet of the enemy's first battery, dressing his men, when he received a shot in the region of the heart. He turned to his commanding officer calmly & coolly & observed that he was wounded, placed his hand on his heart and died instantly. His conduct, his commanding officer says, was highly gallant." The Sortie on Sept. 17 last.

John was born in Nov. 1765 & must have nearly finished his 49th year. John married in the district of Maine, to which he removed, being a Cooper by trade, to the Lime works in Thomaston, & was employed in the speculation of Gen. Knox which ruined that Gentleman's estates & his sudden death prevented every settlement. John afterwards kept a School & was Town Clerk in that place. He married 15 July 1792, Elizabeth Blythe, who I have once seen. He was a Cooper having been an Apprentice to the noted Hitchborne of that calling in Boston. According to my list he has had nine children, his first twins died. John had the strong family likeness, possessed a good muscular system, but was like his father, short. He was persevering, fond of social habits, & very patriotic. This he gained from education, as our Father was always busy with his neighbors in the politics of the day & the British Officers would often engage him in the questions of the times during the siege of Boston. Patriotism directed him as a volunteer to the army &, as he wrote 10 days before his death, only for a short tour. But he became ambitious of promotion as his tour lessened & I had taken care to provide for it by a letter to P. & V. P. on the day he met his fate.

9. Sunday. Note. Wid. Susanna Becket, infirm, pr. for 4 g. children abroad. She was born in Ipswich, 1723, went to Newmarket, N. H., married W. Becket at 22, lived with him 15 years, has been a widow 54 years, had 8 children, buried all, has many g. & gg. children. Her g. children absent are two Rhues, a Becket, & a husband of her g. daughter Coban. Aged 91. Her memory uncommonly good as she told all these circumstances with ease & her mind experiences no absence. She is feeble. Her sister was a Herbert. D. of her Sister was the wife of E. Barnard, apothecary, & Col. Harthorne both of Salem. In Salem a report is spread that Dr. S. Worcester of this town has expectations from Dartmouth College & if so we shall not be characterized here by the zeal which kindles its torch from any inquisition or Episcopal flame, but may proceed on, not in the legal toleration, but in the quiet enjoyment of our opinions, our business, & our good hopes.

11. Our Legislature has received a report signed by Otis which threatens to dissolve the Union. A N. E. Convention, a remon-

strance ag. the Administration, a reform of Constitution, as the Consequence the Dissolution of the Union. These Speculators will run all risks of their heads to fill their purses. It is presumed that the G. will give place to the Chairman of this Committee at the next elections.

13. Observed the same thing this morning as Oct. 12, 1812. I met in the ferry lane on Bridge street a man coming from Beverly with a Cart full of English Herring. He told me that he came yesterday from Beverly with just such a load and sold them readily in Salem. He observed the herring & contrived a small net with a friend & in the morning took them. As these herring have been long absent, it is an additional hope that they will regularly return to these shores. They are exact as to the time of their visit in 1812. This fish has satisfied me that what was called the blue back by Mr. Osgood is this blue herring. I could see no change from the character of the blue herring.

14. But while we have every hope from military operation a party is rancorous in Massachusetts & the late report of a Committee in favour of a Convention, new military arrangements & such things under H. G. Otis, is adopted to counteract all purposes of Union, all consent of measures, & all hopes of success. The Salem Gazette under the Pickering influence is outrageous in its language & in its abuse. This day was the Sale of the Cargo of the Orndance Brig. We have not yet a history of sales.

15. This day Capt. John Osgood enabled me to say I eat of Corn & Wheat which grew in Bridge street, Salem, in my own neighbourhood. It has long been the opinion that Wheat, &c. would not grow & some ill success had banished every attempt to raise it in this quarter. But the date of the neglect being forgotten & not in the time of the present generation, the attempts to recover it have been generally made & the success has been beyond expectation. In the North & South fields as well as in the fields in the part of the town on Bridge street, this grain has been raised.

16. Sunday. Notes. Daniel Berry, the School Master of Eastern Writing School & wife, d. of only daughter, young. Elizabeth Symonds sick. A maiden of an Antient family. Her father filled a Century of years. She 86 years of age. A family of excellent moral life, & purity of living. A very singular & feeble delineation of Dr. Barnard in the Gazette after long delay. A mere sophomore's thing. They who know circumstances take it as a confession of impotence.

It is becoming fashionable to have fasts & thanksgivings by Incorporations & private Societies. And at first this seems preferable to any forms of Civil authority or religious establishments. But the party which makes the freest use evidently intend to hold the means of awakening the fears & hopes of men at pleasure, & from the public habits to render the civil appointments more frequent &

indispensable. Even our Boston Ministers had their weekly Lecture pronounced a day of prayer, so plainly are they carried, not by the enthusiasm, but the political use. On these General occasions much good may be done, but partial associations find a ready entrance to their enthusiastic plans by their own proclamations. An example lately occurred. The Officers of a Baltimore privateer on a late Sunday went for Andover to visit their prisoners on parole at that town. On their way they were stopped by a Tything man under the control of one of these associations. A dispute ensued. The tything man followed the men back to Salem & had an action against them the next day, & recovered from one of their Justices. The Privateersmen have now an action depending against the Tything man for breach of Sabbath in following them to Salem.

17. Our Theme of congratulation is the success of the Wasp, & the bravery of the Neuschatel in our waters by which she repulsed 111 men in five boats from the Endymion. We learn that besides the Reindeer, another Sloop of War has been sunk in the Irish Channel. These occurrences, with the great success of the privateers in securing property, have awakened the spirit of enterprise, which the interruption of the negociation upon perilous pretences has amply justified. We have had our town emptied of females by alarms, we shall not find it deprived of its sons by the spirit for depredation on the English Commerce. By the late sales of the Cargo of the Ordnance ship we find the goods removing. Of the 66 Cannon about half were purchased by the Gov. of the State, & it is said some of them to remain in Salem. The other part were purchased by our adventurous merchants. It is said the United States purchased none of the Cannon.

18. Our friends from the Country begin to return. The enemy have left the Chesapeake under pretence of the prevailing sickness among them, but their insufficient supplies & disappointments in everything seem to have contributed to this apparent change of their policy. They seem to despair of a successful landing this season in the Old State. The Scheme of Florida has failed & of the Northern Lakes altogether. Upon the whole they took in too much & calculated upon the extent of their operations at different points at once & this experiment has ruined all. We were equal to a little everywhere.

23. Sunday. Notes. Mercy Selman, d. of g. d. Brown, pr. for g. children absent. Her g. d. one of the betrayed girls, aet. 19, of an excellent disposition. Lucia Daniels, for sister in law Brown, Husband in Captivity. Isaac Perkins & wife, d. of Elizabeth Symonds who was in their family. She was a Maiden & the last of John Symonds' children who died at a Century of years, 1791. She gave the House & land & the Orchard near Beverly Bridge, to Perkin's wife for life, & then to her three daughters. A lot of Land to Deacon Harthorne for his care of her affairs, & another lot to

the widow of Atwater Phippen who had in his life time gratuitously taken the care of her affairs. Another lot remains to pay all charges & the sum above all demands goes to the poor of the town. Israel Ward, d. of his youngest child. He has a brother absent.

24. Was carried to Boston by the meeting of the Am. Ant[iqua-rian] Society. My purpose was to relinquish all Offices. The President made a new donation & recommended some arrangements which seemed expedient. The jealousy of the Historical Society is visible but I think we shall succeed, if we persevere. The Council is to be enlarged. The members increased & the Correspondence extended. These seem to be the principal objects. The Catalogue of the Library to be published. I did not return to the meeting after dinner & know not the Conclusions.

25. Our friends who removed from Salem upon the first alarms have generally returned with their principal effects. Six weeks seems to have been the extent of their visits. A singular man being asked whether he was to remove replied, he did not send his goods to Algiers for protection. I have seen some of the farmers in Salem market buying provisions, having sold what they raised to the inhabitants of Salem that had taken quarters at their houses. There is an avarice which presses for every advantage & yet seems brutality & violence.

27. Another prize at Portsmouth & of great value. The spirit for privateering is rising again. The America, a Ship belonging to Crowninshield, fitting for sea at Portsmouth, & of Salem, remarkable for fine cruises. The Baltimore Surprise, Schooner, is now ready for sea at Salem. We have one out lately fitting. Capt. Penn Townsend is go[ing] in the Macedonia from Boston. Privateering is the order of the day & is engaged in more largely at Boston than at any former time. Portsmouth has been much enriched by it. But no exchange of Prisoners. Mr. Miller, the British agent, writes to me, he will take no blame from the detention of Capt. John Crowninshield at Halifax. The Agent for prisoners at Halifax changed again. Mr. Miller says he shall go to Bermuda.

30. Sunday. Note. Sarah Millet & children, d. of her d. Mary, aet. 18. This an unusual age. The Father was deranged & died in the Charity House, mother an Archer.

31. I received two Letters of the date of Oct. 23 from the Vice President on the affair of a Commission for my Brother John who was killed at the Batteries on the Niagara, 17 Sept. The first before he had seen the President, & the other afterwards, reporting at the request of the P. that the P. had put in the nomination before the Senate. The whole is now of no avail. I have not the whole history of my Brother's enlistment. It appears he was a man of courage & that his funeral was attended in such a manner as to prove the prevailing conviction that he died honourably. By an education in the family of my G[rand] F[ather] Paine I had advan-

tages I should never have obtained at home. It is true my father with a better than common education distinguished himself by an uncommon neglect of education in his children, & some of them were obliged to get instruction after they had reached a period far above infancy. John was offended that I wondered that he had undertaken to be a Schoolmaster while in Maine & sent me specimens of his writing to convince [me] he had learnt to write at all. Samuel certainly could hardly tell his letters at the time of lawful age. The girls fared better from their mother. As I never lived at home I was a stranger to all this, till I found them by surprise in such condition.

November 1, 1814. Yesterday the Danvers Artillery left their quarters in Beverly, & Fort Lee in Salem has been evacuated by the expiration of the term of enlistment of the State troops. The regular troops at the Garrison on Winter Island have no intercourse with the State troops, & do not suffer them to enter their works, & in this they are justified by the total absence of all military subordination. I have seen the Captain talking with the men in the ranks about which was the best way.

3. T. Pickering is in nomination as Member of Congress for Essex S. District. We have ag. him Hon. Daniel Kilham Esqr. of the Senate, my old College Classmate. Kilham has a strong mind, but as we solitary men determine, more from himself than the world as we find it. K's neighbours do not judge him orthodox in religion & he pays elsewhere to save his taxes because they will not do as he advises them. T. P. his rival lives near him, & has given a new name to the Kilham's pears because he will not mention the name. So that K. has not the full strength of his own party. And the prevailing opinion is that we can do so little & the others do so much, that with many it is a dead list & final loss & not worthy the experiment to discover any patriotism to our neighbours.

6. Sunday. The offer of Mr. Jefferson to Congress that they might have his library upon their own terms has given an opportunity for the greatest puerility which has ever disgraced any country. The most vulgar prejudices against Books & authors have been displayed. The most contemptible ignorance of science has been exposed, & the meanest invectives have been publicly indulged. We remark that the fifth of November is entirely forgotten. This base artifice which maintained itself till the Am. revolution, spent all its force upon its inventors, & the people whom it was intended to delude employed it against its contrivers. It was an opportunity for vulgar mirth upon all British friends & influence. Some few efforts were made by ignorance to revive it, but the Pope & the Devil were left to the recollection of European politicians.

8. The America belonging to this port which sailed from Portsmouth on Tuesday & returned on Friday has occasioned many questions. The prevailing opinion is she struck on George's Bank &

lost her cable & anchor on Nantucket shoals. It is still contended that the injury so high must have been from a wreck or a whale. In favour of a whale it is said, the copper is not injured on the stern high up. Of the wreck that injuries of the same kind are known & the existence of wrecks is well known. The soundings were immediately taken & water deep, but this is not uncommon on George's Bank. The Ship is to be thrown down & examinations made.

10. In throwing down the America two of her masts were carried away against the Wharf, with great loss of time. The injury to the bottom was small. The last injury was suffered from the indiscretion of the owner, who was not enough acquainted with the nature of the work to adopt the necessary precautions. No accident happened. Just before a young man fell into the hold of the Ship.

11. In the late election for Congress in this district the friends of the administration were overawed. The endless prosecutions for riots & under various pretences had discouraged the people. The opposition were disposed to divide as they did in their Candidate. In Salem, Mr. Kilham had only 60 votes. In Lynn none, & few in other republican Towns. None in Newburyport. The cause of all this is evident. The Ambitious wretch who deserted his party or mislead them to promote the opp. in the Judicial department, who determined to remove from the bench of our little Courts all men without Law Education & turned off one of our greatest Scholars who had followed his ancestors in the same honour for seven generations, & who took his reward by the influence of the opp. upon the nat[ional] appointments making us reward our enemies. This man made us refuse our own favorites & put up Mr. Kilham when he was designedly made unpopular & was not supported by those who in convention proposed him. Then raised a party from the W. to oppose the Crowninshields, who would not be controlled by him, & so we are as we see.

13. Sunday. In the past week we have been amused with Mrs. Norris' Will. Two separate cases have been had at the Supreme Judicial Court. Whether the Friends of the And[over] Th[eolog]ical Institution were not full & therefore the Institution incapacitated to receive, & then whether the donation had a legal object. Mr. Dexter exposed the illegitimate terms of incorporation. That the Constitution had not settled on whom the trust was reposed and the Jesuitism of the Creed had rendered the qualifications for the trust, doubtful. In truth this was a delicate subject in handling the reputation of a rising sect that is combining with great activity all the means to render itself the predominant sect & while it is accumulating wealth, & attaching itself to the prevailing superstition, under its doctrine of Consociation embraces more power than ever was contemplated or known in our New England

Churches. Had Mr. D. availed himself of the Alarm of the Presbyterian Churches in the middle states, he would have added the only strength to his arguments which they could probably receive. It is not barely what sense a doctrine may receive, or the value a man of sense may put upon its terms, which is the question. If Sects have associated their existence with them & contend for them with the greatest anathemas of each other, then the terms & doctrines are of the highest theological consequence. However in itself the controversy from its subject only may appear in the eyes of common sense or philosophy. Now Mason, Livingston, & the best informed Calvinists have denounced as Calvinists this New England religion, in their Synods, presbyteries & their institution, & under their signatures before the whole world.

Another case not totally dissimilar has occurred. One Collier at Andover opposed as a professed Baptist to the Andover institution, has been lately in his last hours betrayed by one Batchelder of Haverhill, in concurrence with Bowles of Salem, to form a trust for the Baptists, tho' against his professed principles, that such Trusts involved danger to religious liberty. The widow has threatened to oppose the Will, but it is said has been overruled. The most detestable superstitious practices have been employed to change her first purposes. Pretended signs, sickness & fears of future evils have been employed. I receive this statement as beyond all reasonable doubt & presume to enquire how far we have advanced in religious knowledge & excellence, or can foreigners presume to say we have our full share of ignorance & superstition.

14. This morning I saw the two Masts to supply the America delivered at the Crowninshield wharf. They were noble spars. The America as soon as put on the blocks was repaired. The damage was small and had not the indiscrete experiment of heaving down been attempted, she would be instantly ready for sea.

15. This evening we were deprived of one of the best women that Salem ever afforded. No person ever had a more happy domestic character, & more of the discretion of life united to the social virtues. Mrs. Hannah Hodges. She was very suitably married to give free scope to all her virtues, & by an abundant charity, well preserved friendship, & a rational religion, she was the ornament of that circle in which she moved with increasing reputation till the close of her life. She possessed a delicate Constitution, but a vigorous & active mind, & by her able management of the one, & the uniform chearfulness of the other, secured all the blessings of her virtue. In her husband she was blessed with an enlightened, consistent, benevolent man. If she lost her children young, they were always of the best hopes. They who have survived her have never dishonoured her & all who were under her influence were the better for it, whether as friends, neighbours, or even her humblest servants.

17. The many arrivals of prizes from our Privateers give new hopes to the many vessels fitting out. The Wasp which the Eng. said was probably sunk in the Irish Channel, has sent in since the Action with the Avon, a valuable prize. The G. Turk of this town has arrived at Portsmouth. The Surprise Schooner, from this port out a few days, has sent a prize into this port. The Putnam has returned after a good cruise. Our Friend Townsend has sailed in the Macedonian, a new Baltimore Model of uncommonly fast sailing. Our Schooners the enemy have not yet learnt to manage.

18. The Macedonian lately from this port is said to have its keel not more than 2 thirds of the length of the deck, having stem & stern at nearly the same angle, & the dead work of sharp vessels in the stern utterly removed. The Vessel is wider below, & narrowed aloft, falling in greatly above her bends. All these lines are evidently contrary to the common opinions, but she is the best sailor we have even seen in our port, & without any visible defects.

20. Sunday. Notes. The Children of Widow Hannah Hodges, d. of their mother. George Hodges & wife & children, death of his Sister in Law, pr. for his Son G. at sea. This woman was indeed one of the best of women. It was the wish of her husband which she repeated that no character should be given.

21. The Grand Turk last evening came round from Portsmouth into our harbour. The boisterous weather had cleared the Bay of all British Vessels. We learn from Medford that the beautiful & new modelled Brig of 400 tons built for sailing at that place has been launched in 35 days from laying her keel. Made of chosen materials, coppered & copper bolted. Another of the same dimensions on the next day was begun upon the same spot & is to be delivered to the Ocean in 18 working days. Happy this. More Armed Vessels are fitting out at this, than at any former time. Many of my friends are engaged to command in these vessels. Chever, Townsend, Fairfield, Williams, &c.

22. Dined with Capt. H. Prince 2d at New Mills. They speak of the few birds & little sport for the gun this season. The Geese fly high as they pass. The dog fish have been up to the mills in great numbers. Visited the old spot on which Endicott lived, & the old pear tree. It has been blighted for the two past years, tho' it had abundance of blossoms. It shared the fate of the fruit trees in the present year. Three years ago it bore several bushels of pears.

24. Received a Letter signed One of Essex Junto containing a printed Circular of the Opposition. It is a half sheet, printed on one side, with a snake, having labels, Sailor's rights in its mouth, Potomac in its Centre, Monticello in the upper twists of its tail & a ship in the lower twist, forming between its neck & body an opening into a Curve in which is a Sloop in full sail & written in A safe port in a squall. Below is a dialogue between an American

Sailor & soldier, representing the last well paid by G. Strong, & the other in Eschequer called Chequer Bill, with a Song. One of the wretched artifices of the times probably induced by the Gerry-mander, which was widely circulated. As a counterpart the patriot represents the states united & the Conventions (state) as a Snuff bottle, with a British Crown & inscribed Dignity, not one million, against seven. The Ship at the head of the Opposition Caracatura is called the War Hawk, or Commercial privateer.

25. Last evening the America left our port. The Putnam, by Blood & others, Capt. Evans, has been taken & carried to Halifax. She has a Spar Ship prize at Chatham. At same port is a Rum prize to the Grand Turk now in this harbour. The America owned by Crowninshield is commanded by James Chever. The Salem Adventurers complain they have not the success of last war. Portsmouth flourishes from the success of its privateers & is more prosperous than any port in New England.

28. This evening just after seven we had a smart shock of an Earthquake. I never had been thoroughly convinced of such a shock before & was not in a situation to give any character to the effect. It was different from anything I had before known in the instant of the report & the undulation.

29. We were alarmed by the report of the death of Vice President Elbridge Gerry. It is said that the fact cannot be doubted, as it is a way bill of authority. We have certainly lost as useful, active & sincere a Patriot as our Country ever had in it. He died on Wednesday, 23d instant without any previous indisposition. On the preceeding day he did his duty in the Senate, was at breakfast that morning in his usual manner, stepped abroad to a neighbouring office, complained, was conveyed home, found insensible in his carriage, & upon being removed he instantly expired. I have received letters of the date of the month in which he died & shall lament a sincere patriot, an invaluable servant of the public, & a constant & unwavering friend. Madam Warren who died last October has given a good outline of his public services & of his early usefulness. He was in his manners the nearest to the Gentleman of any northern patriot, Gov. Hancock being the only person in competition with him. He died in full age at seventy years.

December 1, 1814. Our State Thanksgiving. It was a dark & gloomy day with incessant rain. Had a Thanksgiving from [President] Madison been preceeded with an earthquake & dressed in a storm, we apprehend some remarks would have been made impiously as tho' it was a remonstrance from heaven. Our audience was thin as usual on Contribution days. The Charity when most liberal is from few. Contribution at the Meeting, 78 Dollars.

5. We hear that the Macedonian, Townsend, has prospered since she left this Port & has reached Portsmouth. Has taken five prizes, sunk three, sent one for a port, & gave another to the prisoners. Has brought in 23 prisoners.

6. The Jefferson, Capt. G. C[rowninshield]'s boat, has gone this day on another cruise. This is one of our first privateers & is a pleasure boat. It has gone upon our eastern shore & it is believed will have her former success. We continue to fit out our vessels & the nation profits if individuals do not as they wish.

12. A British Frigate drove ashore a Coaster upon Marblehead neck, & discharged many guns at her, without any damage. We still remain without sledding tho' the sledding is good eastward & westward of us. We have many vessels from Maine with wood & the Gov. has condemned the neutral trade from the parts of Maine within the territory held by the British to the no small annoyance of smugglers. A demand is made upon our State for its quota of men from the President of U. S. A. We shall now see what the men of Hartford will determine.

13. One curious occurrence of the past week deserves notice. Capt. Thomas Emerson, son of a Minister in Topsfield, a rich farmer in Danvers, & Brother to the richest landholder of the same name in the state, living in Topsfield, died evidently in a state of intoxication. He was an excellent Agricultural & had amassed a great interest. He purchased the farm of the eminent Merchant Richard Derby senior, who died in 1783, & exhibited the best cultivated Cornfield & the largest I had ever seen in Essex. I visited last season & saw land rendered fruitful, which had been abandoned to the Wood waxen. The characteristic error of the man was intemperance of the grossest kind. Not associated with any corrupt habits but the mere love of intoxication. He returned to his family in his usual manner, & by a good wife was led to his bed, & there lodged till he should recover. After a few hours his wife entered his bed chamber to assist him to undress, & found him expiring, & he soon died. The funeral ceremonies proceeded as usual & the body was brought to the grave. Scruples then arose about interment. The body was brought back to the house. The tale I have from the man who watched two nights with the body after its return. No life came & the body was deposited in the grave. The fear was strengthened by the body appearing to undergo no change during this time, & this state of the body was attributed to the excess of spirituous liquors.

15. Yesterday I rode with Mr. B. Herrick up to Derby's Farm formerly Eppes', then Jacob Crowninshield's & now the residence of Richard C. his Brother. This Brother after the dissolution of the Family firm, went to New York, married a foreign woman, & was involved in his secular affairs. Soon after removed to Connecticut to Middletown & engaged in the Woollen Manufacture. Has since returned into the neighbourhood of Salem for the establishment of these manufactures. Has purchased a lot upon the Lynnfield road above the Danvers lower Meeting House, two miles from Salem, to possess a run of water that passes from the place of New-

ell's mills, so called, on the Reading road, & empties into the brook from Spring pond at Danvers lower meeting House. The mill is to stand S. W. from Buxton's Hill, a remarkable height between the Derby farm, & the brook & mill. The Mill is to be in a brick building of three stories, one basement story not far from the road above the meeting house. The workmen were upon the third story. The dam is to be raised between two hills not a quarter of a mile above the mill & is to give a fall of 14 feet by calculation. The brook will be low in summer, but he expects by rain and otherwise to have water. The machines are not erected, but have been transported from Conn. We saw the carding & spinning machines, & Looms with spring shuttles. He proposes a sheering machine, part of which we saw, with a long knife formed from a large Crosscut split saw with Cylinders. It had not been completed. He has 300 merino Sheep, many full & some half blooded. We saw a great quantity of wool. Some specimens of broad cloth finished both blue & black, but his cloths have not yet arrived from Conn. We saw much Cloth unfinished. Besides the broadcloths we saw other cloths of common texture, & for common use, but as they were not assorted as yet, we could only say they were good specimens. We were very hospitably received & after an excellent dish of Coffee we returned to Salem. I have not the history of this stream which at my leisure I must follow in all its course to its fountain head. He buys two acres of Mr. Southwick with a long lease of 10 acres in its neighbourhood.

16. The destruction of our Vessel *Armstrong* at Fyal, a neutral port, is in consent with the British conduct at Florida. No territory is safe from their rapacity, no Laws inviolable. Several Privateers are entering men in Salem. The business of Armed Vessels is brisk in Boston. The Fraud at Massachusetts Bank has had nothing like it discovered among our prudent folks in Salem. We have had no memorable Bankruptcies since the memorable Col. Archer & Co. But we do not lead in enterprise by land or water as in the Revolution. Our richest Merchants are not as then Sons of experienced Merchants. The Crowninshields have been the only merchants of that description & they have had great success.

18. Sunday. Daniel Hopkins, D. D., who died in Salem last week, was born in Waterbury, Conn. & was Brother of the Celebrated Samuel Hopkins, whose System of Divinity is the basis of the popular theology of New England. Samuel was born in 1721 & graduated at Yale College in 1741 & died in 1803, in the 83 year of his age. They who wish two views of this distinguished man may have them from the Biography of Elliot & Allen, the first not allied to the sect of this man or to his friends, the other in connection with both. Dr. E. thinks more of the name of the Leader & more of the talents of the followers. Mr. A. attempts to exhibit this improvement of Calvinism. It so happened that

the Brothers were pilgrims together in the American war, & both came into Essex so as to be here at the same time. Samuel was Ordained at Great Barrington in 1743, & dismissed in 1769. He settled at Newport in 1770, & was driven by the military events from that place in 1776. He then came & in 1777 supplied the Presb. Congregation after Mr. Parson's death at Newburyport. He then left and went into Connecticut, & returned to his charge in Newport in 1780. Before he came into Essex his Brother Daniel had planted himself in Salem as a Schoolmaster. Daniel was above 13 years younger than Samuel & born in 1734, he graduated at Yale, in 1758. Where he was in the years between this time & his visit to Salem, I have not distinctly known. Some say in Nova Scotia & Elsewhere. I do not at present know at what time he came to Salem, but when the war commenced he was a popular Schoolmaster, & in 1774, his friends opened a house of worship for him in a place which had been an assembly room upon the site of his new Church & there he tarried till the new House was built in 1804. It seems in 1769 Dr. Whitaker had been transplanted from Norwich, & the House in which he worshipped was in 1774 destroyed by fire. A part of his congregation were disposed to profit by the pulpit talents of Mr. Hopkins & were assembled in the house they purchased, & afterwards ordained him in 1778. In 1775, July he was popular enough to have the votes as a Member of the Provincial Congress in Cambridge, & was afterwards & at the time of his ordination, of the Council of the Conventional Government, before the Constitution of 1780. As a Gentleman he had high claims. His address was good, & his prudence formed him for his times. As I came to Salem in 1783, several years after he ceased to be a schoolmaster, I know nothing of his talents, only that I found the Schools in Salem of a very humble grade. He was in no sense a man of science, either as a reader or thinker, & I think I have heard him boast that he read only the Bible. In fact he had no library, no relish for literature, & but little acquaintance with literary men. In the pulpit he never used notes of any kind, or method of any kind. His voice was suddenly sunk & lost, & then raised to the highest pitch. He has printed one Sermon & one address. His images were uncouth, his language low, & his manners as singular in the pulpit as can well imagine. And yet his address secured him the favour of his friends, tho' his preaching was often the theme of the merry & the astonishment of man of devout & correct taste. I never heard such a singular preacher in my life. He has had a Colleague lately, a Mr. Emerson who has married his daughter. In domestic life he was charming. He married late & was 20 years older than his Wife, who was a Saunders, D. of a wholesale merchant in Salem. He has had one Son who has involved his Father in great debts & embarrassed his old age, for he did not preach without profit, tho' he long made great boasts of a free contribu-

tion, but it was only while the War & privateering lasted. And his popularity began to wane as soon as peace gave a happier order of things, for the Seamen used to say let us go to H. & hear the news, which he constantly gave in his Sunday discourses, as he received it at Court & elsewhere. He had no men of education, but some very prosperous adventurers whom he fairly attached to his person. They began to build too late. Just as Mr. Norris died who had been bountiful to the Institute, & the new House which has an elegant steeple remains involved for a great amount, & the Congregation which filled the Assembly room is scanty enough in the great & spacious building they have erected. I always loved the Company of Dr. Hopkins for the ease, accommodation, & cheerfulness with which he ever appeared.

We are now to remark what has never happened in Salem & probably never will again, that we have lost the three Senior pastors of the town within the space of three years & the men at the head of the several Communion. Rev. Fisher, Episcopalian, Rev. Barnard, Congregational & Armenian, & Rev. Hopkins, an Hopkinsian. And we add that in the same time we have been forsaken by three men who came without a public education, by the way of the wilderness, & opened houses of worship. Mr. Turner of the Universalist left us last spring, & Mr. Spaulding of the Branch Church both valuable buildings, & Mr. Jones who opened a building in the Eastern part of the town, not altogether unlike that which Mr. Hopkins opened in 1774. Six ministers who had establishments & were inducted in their own modes have removed within two years, only Dr. Prince of the Old Church remains who was here when I came May, 1783. Dr. Prince has reached his 60 year, & I am advancing in my 56th. May we be faithful.

19. This was the day for the interment of Dr. Hopkins. It snowed all day. The procession was at 2 P. M. The pall was supported by Dr. Prince who was Brigade Chaplain & Dr. Hopkin's Regimental Chaplain. The others were of the sect, Worcester of Salem, Emerson of Beverly, Emerson of Reading, Sanbourn of Reading, Walker of Danvers. The first prayer was by Worcester, the Sermon by Dr. Spring, last prayer by Mr. Emerson of Reading, Brother of the Colleague of Dr. Hopkins. The officers of the Regiment did the honours of the procession. No minister was from any neighboring town. The body entombed on the Hill.

22. Mr. B. C[rowninshield] communicated to me a Letter from the President of the United States inviting him to accept the appointment of Secretary of the Navy, & even assuring him of the nomination to the Senate. I concurred fully in the acceptance without any knowledge of the history of the appointment. Mr. B. C. could never remove the competitions which Judge S[tory] had created between him & another interest so that his advancement in this neighborhood, however deserved, was hopeless.

23. The immortal Hero of Erie, Comm. Perry, was in Salem & at my lodgings, but I did not see him. Probably the New Secretary brought him to Salem. He came in the morning & returned at sundown to Boston. Wid. of Jona. Peele buried this afternoon, aet. 85. One Sister of this long lived family still remains. Another feat of naval heroism by the Privateer Kemp, Almeda, of Baltimore, with 10 guns & 75 men she engaged Ships, Brigs & Schooners of the Enemy having 46 guns & 129 men. One of her prizes was lost near Charlestown, S. C., one had arrived. She manned 4 prizes & has brought in 53 prisoners. She has taken 71, the remainder in her prizes.

25. Sunday. Notes. Eunice Carleton & Children, d. of d. Mary, & pr. for her Son absent. This lady is 83 years of age, was a Hunt, & has suffered some transient deliriums. The d. had been of my church. The Son John absent is in the Navy of U. S. & is a man of talents, information & virtues. Sara Hill & children, d. of her only Brother John Collins, pr. for a Son in long captivity & for friends at Sea. This Mr. Collins was early engaged to his wife but before marriage he went to sea. Was 6 years in captivity in the revolutionary war after 2 years in the land service. During his absence his intended wife, a Lander, married a Hammond & had a son. Hammond died in Collins' absence & upon his return he married his intended wife & has lived with her 30 years. Both these persons deserted to Sect & returned to us to die.

Of the meeting at Topsfield to associate to urge the letter of a Jewish Sabbath & to prohibit all passing from town to town on the Sunday we hear little. A beautiful extract from Jeremy Taylor was published in the Salem Gazette to prevent this town from being caught in the snare. I read the Law as desired, & begged my Tything man who is my Sexton to see that no children or other persons assembled around the Meeting House in time of service with a wish to interrupt no person who should pass peaceably along. I have lately seen the life of Lindsey. My friend Freeman would willingly have put me in the list of Unitarians, but Mr. Wells, has very courteously taken me off, by offering that no Society had been formed upon Unitarian Principles excepting the Congregation in the Chapel at Boston. It seems agreed that many incline to the doctrine, & that at least it is not so odious as might have been in some past times.

29. The busy fry around Mr. C[rowninshield] since his late appointment. They all have a ready recollection of every obligation they hope to make him believe they are under to him. The Grand Turk still fitting for sea with many captures in her past cruises, but with few prizes which have arrived. The Cadet, a small privateer has another prize on our eastern shore. The Little Crowninshield Boat, the Jefferson, is upon the same shore as is the Pilot Boat of this port. The Cadet is chiefly manned with smugglers

from Sandy Bay, Cape Ann, Gloucester. It is said these men make excellent privateersmen upon the Shores of the enemy, & being fishermen bear well the inclemency of our winter as adventurers.

30. We learn that the success at Portsmouth in privateering has given uncommon activity at that port. Many of our seamen go from that place. Capt. P. Townsend is now ready for sea from it in the Macedonian.

January 1, 1815. Sunday. Note. James Stearns & wife, a Son baptised in public. The Topsfield affair was no jest. The account has not been published in Salem but elsewhere. It says a Convention of 43 members from 13 towns was held 21 Dec. John Heard Esq. of Ipswich was chosen Moderator & Revd. S. Worcester of Salem head of a Committee called Standing, till last Wednesday of April next. The first resolution is in app. of Sabbath Law; second of the zeal of the occasion, 3d to influence choice of Tything men, 4 recommending meetings to give them support, 5 election of Tything men, 6 re-comm. perseverance. Revd. Mr. Edwards of Andover chosen to meet Middlesex convention in this month. Thus under the garb of religion another association is formed for political purposes. The late publication in the Salem Gazette of a paragraph from Jer. Taylor brought some remarks which tended to set aside the judgment of Jer. Taylor & to escape from the argument. An answer confirming from Foster the sentiment & proving the inaccuracy of the charge, brought a second reply more weak than the first. The Orthodox here are not the Nortons & Corbets of the first generation, but impudent fellows who put scandal for argument. The public mind is so well guarded that it is presumed the scheme will not be adopted in Essex as not one clergyman of reputation, as I reckon, did appear at the Convention. I wish that the argument had been put upon its proper basis that the Christian day of worship is not of ecclesiastical or of divine right, but of legal right, derived from precedent, & to be governed by the sense & benefit of the Community in which it may be adopted. It was thought that the domestic affairs of Dr. Hopkins had embarrassed him, but it is said that he has left a handsome portion to his wife & to his several children. The public are disappointed as the common tales led to fears of poverty.

2. Had a Letter from the Inspector Gen. of Niagara department inclosing a Commission of Ensign in the 21 Regiment for my Brother John & pointing out the hope of half pay for his family for five years. The Inspector was J. Snelling. I copied these documents & sent the copy to my nephew W. B. F[owle] at Boston, that he might show them to the friends of the family, & engaged a passage for the originals to Thomastown, to Elizabeth, Widow of my Brother. We have been alarmed by two failures of two adventurous young men without families in this town, but hav-

ing character enough to give a deep interest in their fate. W. M[anning] was very imperfectly educated, but by a connection with his father in a line of Stages he acquired a good interest. He had done so much for others that he thought he could do much for himself. But to plan & to obey are two distinct offices in business as well as life. From the common business of a Merchant, he adventured in an illicit, as it was called, neutral trade & finally has involved himself in debts from which he will never extricate himself. The other person came from Middlesex in a very humble service, but improving some interruptions in his first pursuits as a temptation to business, he engaged heartily & was much assisted, & by his enterprise & apparent wealth obtained an election of Captain to a company of Militia which raised to an excellence never before witnessed in Salem. They were in uniform, in high spirits & in earnest to distinguish themselves. This was not done with [out] expense as well as labour. From causes which leave no blame but upon his inexperience he has become the victim of hungry creditors. His generous defence of some seamen from a plan of oppression has brought upon the hatred of the men who dared to propose & to execute such a design & from them his sufferings have not the sympathy which is given by other citizens. Much is feared that the credit of our Banks has been a serious evil to these young men who have not known the danger, & are now overwhelmed by the evils from it.

5. The departure of Mr. B. W. Crowninshield for the Naval Department has provided for the election of Joseph Story, one of the J[ustices] of U. S. A., as President of the Merchant Bank. It is to the influence of this man the friends of the U. S. Government have been divided & their influence lost, from the Northfield election of Kilham. He has since opened an Office for the meeting of his friends opposite the other office of the Union Marine & he now has additional aid from his new appointment. His brainless ambition & deficient principles promise nothing good to his influence.

7. The youth with whom I was on Thursday last, died soon after I left him. He died from an internal injury in a struggle with the Corporal at U. S. Fort at which he was a Waiter upon the Lt. His name Samuel Homans, son of John of Marblehead, & was aged 16 y. The Father is in the Gunboat service at N. Y. One son in service at sea. Two Sons prisoners. One Son at home. The only D. married Sergeant Wentworth & with her the Son died at the farm house on the Neck. She and the wife of Serg. Saunderson kept house together. The body was conveyed yesterday to Marblehead by water for interment by order of the Lt. &c.

8. Sunday. Wid. M. Curtis had no collateral relations or posterity. I have been always persuaded that the Chapel Church in Boston was the most correct example of Architecture I had ever seen. I admired the external structure for its strength & simi-

plicity, before the huge wooden Columns surrounded the Tower said to correspond to the superb spire, which has never yet appeared & without it, the wooden columns should never have existed. The interior combines the greatest elegance of structure, with the greatest success in aiding the sound & providing for the audience. Not long since something singular in our Country was attempted at great expence in Boston which was a Church in the Semi Gothic style, & it was the first & I could wish it might be the last imitation of this savage taste. Very lately another structure still as original has been erected & dedicated in the past month. These structures deserve notice as they are original to the Country. The Park Church has an excellent situation & an elevated spire, & the Hollis street Church is a safe substitute for the wooden building removed soon after it was erected.

The account I was promised by Major Saunders, B. in law of Dr. Hopkins, I could not obtain as he expected. He only received that Dr. H. went to Halifax soon after he left College & that he preached there before he came to Salem. That his health was a plea for his return. That he tarried at Salem, had a fever which formed an abscess in his side from which he was never relieved. Besides that he had been bursten or had a rupture & had been much vexed with stranguary. Yet he surmounted 80 years. The incident of his visit to Halifax tho' it added nothing to his professional reputation or his health or wealth, it gave him that acquaintance with men that few of his order possessed at any time in N. E. & particularly in his own, & furnished those pleasing manners, which gave him protection in the state as well as Church, so that he might be said to have made his fortune in Halifax.

10. Mr. Gleason tells me he intends the tour of the United States. He intends to travel with his system of teaching Geography. He is afraid of no man. And at times a Universal preacher & schoolmaster besides his Character in Geography he intends the world shall pay his passage. Besides he is a noted Free Mason & has rendered himself a great name in our most celebrated Lodges by his Lectures, & his intimate acquaintance with the usual modes of Initiation in all the common degrees. He tells me he shall write History. I advised him to Travels, as the facts he might collect would sell better in that form, & might be his own. A Journey would oblige him to borrow too much from others.

12. The day of our National Fast. We observed the day in our Congregation as we have from the beginning days of this name by the same order of service as on Sundays. But the zealots who are never content on either fasts without works of supererogation have instead of three services, adopted one, contrary to all their zeal & former example, tho' they have been outrageous that the present Constitution does not provide for religion & the present administration does not look to God. Who can refuse to see Priest-

craft & Hypocrisy in league with opposition & rebellion. But such is good New England.

13. I was at Beverly to pay respects to my old Landlady upon a funeral occasion when she buried her d. in law Rogers. Mrs. Homans is a woman who has suffered the greatest mortifications & changes with exemplary fortitude. She was fit to fill the highest place & she has observed all her glory on the lowest. I saw Mr. Dane one of the members of the Hartford Cabal, but as we were in the house of mourning we talked only of the fever of N. H. of the body, & not of the mind. I saw confined to his bed by a fall, Mr. Dyson, aet. 70, formerly known to me in Beverly. This town is far gone in the federal fever, alias the political Hector of the times.

17. In Salem has died Capt. Edw. Russel. This honest man married a Sally McClure, a disciple of Dr. Stillman of Boston & one of his hearers, & from this simple source the Baptists gained an establishment in Salem. Russel followed the Coasting trade between Salem & Boston & so did B. Webb, & both at Boston heard Dr. Stillman. The Webbs deserted Dr. Hopkins & Russel left the Old Church to please his wife. Dr. S. sent them one of his pupils Mr. Bolles whom he intended for his own pulpit, & from the zeal of these very ignorant men the sect have a permanent establishment in Salem. Mr. E. Russel, aet. 76, was esteemed for the general opinion of a well meaning man. But of his opinions being asked he replied, My Wife knows, ask her. So grow Sects. Just as with men from small beginnings. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindles.

18. The first real appearance of a Snow Storm this winter.

19. Has died in this town Joseph Turell, aet. 64. He is one of the relatives of Dr. Colman & Revd. Turell of Medford. In the war he was a Merchant in Salem but by indiscretion he was reduced to severe poverty & severe rheumatic affections. His son prints a paper in Portsmouth. He was once a very agreeable man. He came to Salem from Boston in the time of the revolutionary war.

20. Died in this town Jeffrey Allen, a Prisoner, inmate of the Brig Mary, aet. 27. This is the second instance of mortality among the hundreds of prisoners which have been confined in the Guard Ship in this port. The other was a black man. The utmost humanity is discovered, & the friends of the enemy are as vigilant as the guards are humane & faithful, so that no excess has obtained. The prison ship has been kept in this port 18 months says Capt. Thomas Webb. The Cadet's second cruise has been as profitable as the first. It is a small vessel sent on the coast of Maine to watch the vessels of the enemy going into Penobscot Bay. In both cruises the Cadet has taken valuable Vessels with dry goods which have been safely conveyed to this port for sales at public vendue.

22. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Susanna Becket, d. of her Son in Law Thomas Rhue, aet. 75, & for her G. Sons at sea. T. R. was one of the most gay of our privateersmen, up to the last notch of dress, & at last one of the most debilitated & wretched of men. He died in the arms of the Common Charity. She living in Ash street.

Sarah Kehew & Children & Sisters, d. of her Father. Husband & Brothers at sea. These three Sisters are Kehue, Coban & Larabee. The eldest Brother married an Archer, a worthy woman, & has property. The other two abroad, one in captivity.

Ruth Porter, d. of her g. child, a child of Seth Low by her daughter Mary. They have four promising children, two sons & 2 d. living in Norman Street. R. P. an Allen. Mrs. P. has a son in captivity. Almost all our families suffer in this way.

By the Centinel I learn that I am app. of a Comm. to dispencc the charities of the G. Lodge at Boston to the prisoners in Salem. It seems the Essex Lodge of Salem has represented the frequent need of these Charities, & their own inadequacy for the occasions from their own solitary resources. The Grand L. has considered the matter. The history in the last Centinel is that the Representation was made on the 12th of last month from Essex Lodge. A Committee to whom it was referred reported that 500 D. be appropriated to be at the disposal of a Board of Commissioners, who are to draw on the Treasury & report at every quarterly communication to the G. L., that a Circular be addressed to the Lodges recommending to the Lodges to remit during the war 30 d. each annually to A. Sigourney, G. T. & that Commissioners of the Prisoner's Fund be appointed, J. Baker, A. Lawrence, W. B[entley], J. C. King of Salem, F. Oliver of Boston, R. H. French of Danvers, & W. Swan of Portland for the year ensuing. J. Soley, G. S. The Circular follows. I have had no notice of this appointment from the Lodge.

23. We have no reason to complain that we have no winter. The whole day has been so stormy that I dared not venture abroad, it being almost the only day for years that I have kept within doors. The high wind will prevent any profit from the fall of snow. We had no mail.

24. We are amused with tales of peace from the conquered parts of our State in Maine. At Castine, letters say rejoicing. So we are often amused. Capt. J. Ordronnaux of the Privateer Prince of Newschatel came to Salem & distributed several hundred dollars among the prisoners he had captured, & left a sum for the benefit of the other prisoners with Capt. T. Webb, the keeper of the Prison Ship. The Commissioners of the Masonic Charity are to meet on the last day of this month to make some arrangements. The Loss of the British Sloop of War Sylph on Long Island is announced.

26. Received from Grand Lodge Letters informing of my ap-

pointment as one of the Commissioners for the Prisoner's Fund as noticed in last Sunday's minutes. We have the painful news confirmed of the loss of the Frigate President, but without the loss of reputation, as she was attacked by four Ships & after every effort to escape. The list of killed & wounded, 50 men. The loss of the Frigate which first engaged her is not known. It is generally presumed that information was given of the time of the President's sailing from the situation of the ships compared with that in which they appeared not long before. She was lost soon after leaving port.

29. Sunday. The most interesting subject which claims attention in the religious world is the appearance of petitions before Congress upon the purpose of stopping the mail on Sunday throughout the United States. The evil which is apprehended as a Commercial one is at all times great but particularly so when all our commerce is internal & the expenses of transportation are very heavy. Such detention, especially of Teamsters in taverns, must be as immoral & vexatious as it is expensive. The evil as sure to civil life is that arising from all social intercourse & the endless litigations which every parish officer can create at pleasure, throughout a country in which the habits are as different as upon the Globe, have proved innocent, & cannot be changed without violence, & when no serious evils have arisen & no causes of complaint which do not necessarily accompany the present political state of the country. But as religion is the plea this deserves to be particularly considered. The ruling sect knowing the advantages other little sects in N. E. derive from associations with their friends in neighboring towns, has hopes that by rendering travelling odious, they may prevent these associations & better support their superiority, which is now liable to be lost. Indeed so far as the most strenuous men & places are known to myself, I have the fullest conviction that whatever the serious many may intend, the great incentive to all the zeal is in the political use to be made of it. Superstition wishes to have the Government of its purity, & some men are willing to pay the price. The dominant sect is in the local politics, & the Church & State can serve each other. The sects are more opposed to the measures of the section in which opposition to the Gen. G. is found. It seems the G. G. will not be taken in this cobweb. The petitions have been referred to the Post Office Committee & the Post Master has reported with dignity, not enslaved to party design to make religion do harm to the Union to serve a party in it.

31. This afternoon I visited Essex Lodge, & took my seat as one of the Commissioners for the donation of the G. Lodge to such prisoners as were of the Masonic order. The members from Boston & Portland did not appear, but excused themselves. Mr. Baker our past D. G. M. for Essex was our Chairman & Mr. King our Secretary. The other three, Lawrence, French & myself were

formed into a Committee & all communications to us are to be made through our Secretary & we are to meet every 1 & 3 Tuesday in each month. We had no notice of the persons relieved by Essex Lodge, & no list of the foreign Lodges sent us from the Grand Lodge.

February 1, 1815. Our anxiety for N. Orleans had been increased by the long time in which the English had contemplated to possess it, even before our revolution was imagined or the Colonies had any strength to achieve it. The loss of the President Frigate has not a circumstance of disgrace. In New York they speak of getting a frigate for him as they did at Charleston for Porter from the Essex. From Boston we hear nothing but how to get the greatest benefits of the war & to pay least of the expenses. Our policy in this quarter is dishonourable.

5. Sunday. Dr. Cutler of Hamilton has published a Century Sermon delivered in October last. He has no talent in writing of any kind, but he has been one of the busy men, who has been in untried paths. He was very zealous for the Ohio settlement, before they began, without a share in them & his motives were suspected from the projection. He has published upon Botany without science, taught languages without skill in them, professed navigation without numbers or experience, & overlooked all talents in his profession. In this sermon we look for facts without method, but without seduction. Dr. C. says in few, perhaps in no societies, less suits and harries, & less contentions, & two ministers for one hundred years. There has been no increase & the Dr.'s Preaching had no tendency to excite religious dissensions. Few societies have observed less what was going on in the world & have supplied fewer men for the world's bustle. He has succeeded in promoting the utmost contentment with the prevalent habits of life without ambition.

6. Mr. G. C[rowninshield] made an experiment upon the ice with a boat upon skates. The tenderness of the ice prevented the full extent of the experiment. Three skates were used one in the fore part & the boat moved with sails. The direct movement was best. The skates required to move otherwise than fastened in length to the boat as he who skilfully moves on skates uses not direct line in the smallest movement, unless he be under the impulse which his collected movements have given him & then his body & arms are at rest. The experiment proved the latter fact.

7. A Son of Mr. G[erry] late V[ice] P. of U. S. A. was with me. His object was to defray his expenses to W[ashington]. His father's funeral exp. paid by the Government. The motion for a sum to his family could not obtain with any from the state of our finances, from the nature of the preceders, & from the character of the Commission his Father held. At his death

the V. P. left just enough, his S. reports, to pay his debts, leaving the Mansion only as the Widow's dower. Not a penny for the wife & six children. His purpose was in person to interceed at Washington for some Office for his maintenance, & application for the loan was to be made to G. C[rowninshield], junr. Mr. G. C. replied that he had loaned to Government a million & had calculated upon the interest which could not be obtained. He was therefore obliged to seek other means. His debtors were of that class, that demands would distress, & that he actually supplied his common wants by loans at the Bank. Who could deny it. He offered a gift of 20 D. which the Son declined. He tells me he is supported in his Law studies by some friends of his father. One of his Brothers is in the Army & another in the navy. One sister married an Austin, one is received into the family of Mr. C. of C. & the other remains with her mother. The V. P. suffered much by bonds for his Br. Coll. of M[arblehead] his native town. Thus half a Century of services has issued in extreme poverty & in a most destitute condition.

9. This day the glorious news reached us of the repulse of the British at New Orleans. So complete a Victory was not expected even from Jackson. The many accounts, upon good authority left no doubt of the general fact & urged every expression of joy from the friends of the administration. But the expression was partial. One bell, the Ships at one wharf, an illumination at one public room. But this involved the public sense, tho' it determined the actual state of parties & the influence which had obtained in the United States. None were desperate enough to insult, tho' many avoided the conversation such an event might occasion. The firmness of the President in not being taken in the snare of the bank Bill & in his remonstrance had had a sickening influence on faction, & the arrival of the Commissioners from the Hartford Convention at this moment at Washington did not give much anticipation.

10. This morning our good news was confirmed by the official letter of Gen. Jackson. The action of Jan. 8 almost exceeds belief, 6 killed & 20 wounded when the enemy had 100 for one, having in killed, wounded & prisoners 2600. Our patriotic citizens thought they did not enough yesterday. They redoubled their efforts. An illumined transparency exhibited over Merchant's Bank in the upper rooms the name of Jackson & the event. The cannon roared on the Common & fireworks were displayed. We did not repeat the accident of yesterday, when Capt. Wilson was wounded while priming a second time from the flash communicating to the powder. His hand & face hurt.

12. Sunday. Note. Elizabeth Ostrom, delivery. Husband at sea. She a Knight. Of the religious state of our County some opinion may be formed from the swarm of Sermons delivered on

public occasions & recommending righteous rulers with an absolute silence about our own. A Mr. Walker of D[anvers] near us has lately published a sermon of this kind. It is designed to aid every opinion of the value of right in a Ruler in the common & declamatory manner, while the impression left is that the President the best of men in every view of excellence, is not of the character deserving this reputation. So far has party carried its arts of deception that a Physician in a Portsmouth paper describing the habits of a variform Typhus fever prevailing in that part attributes it much to the articles withdrawn from ordinary food, & now made the articles of the direct Tax. Such are the arts. Great zeal has been shown to obstruct travelling on Sunday by the mails even in times of war, & upon all our Commerce has been internal adding a seventh to the expence to induce the Government to become unpopular by refusing the claims which local prejudices might make. The firmness of the Government & the apology by rendering a class of influential men less daring has given a rest to this absurd request. The Bible Societies have been under the direction of men who knew how to make charity favour their designs & the missionary purposes have always supplied men for our distant settlements.

12. Last week in the North Church, a Mr. Abbot, a Candidate, had an invitation to settle in the Ministry as successor to Dr. Barnard. He is Son to the Preceptor of Exeter Academy. Dr. T., who is opposed, says that he was at the meeting. That he requested to hear another candidate but it was refused. Mr. G. Tucker a rich merchant plead for this indulgence & was justified by J. Peabody one of our richest merchants. Some who were not in the opposition asked this indulgence. The Salary is to be 1200 dollars but without any settlement. The other salaries 30 years ago were 500 dollars. Dr. T. tells me that the name has not been indicative of talents & that he preferred any sect to a Nothinarian. The truth is that Dr. B. could never be considered as having talents in the pulpit, & it is not surprising that they should get one like the man they loved. This Sunday our society was filled with strangers who wished to enjoy the congratulations upon Jackson's victory. To prevent the seasonable notice of the bell in the evening service the clock was put forward & the sexton misled as to the time. The success not as wished.

13. This day the news of Peace reached us. A flying post brought it from New York, with all circumstances to confirm it the case could admit. The public joy was loud. Bells & guns announced it. Military parade & martial music, besides the illuminations & fireworks collected at the moment at every man's discretion. We had two illuminations upon the victory of Jackson in the past week, but we still wait for the proclamation to confirm

all our joy, & justify all the pride & display of celebration. Every moment some new circumstance enriches hope.

14. If it were possible to increase the public joy, it would be greater from the assurance that the enemy was about to withdraw from New Orleans. It is said they speak of joining the expedition at Savannah. But all our fears are retired by the pacification. The return of peace under the present administration is not a pleasing circumstance to the Opposition, yet they do not chuse to express publicly, what they murmur in secret.

16. Sent a letter to S. Williams at London in behalf of my nephew William Dawes who was taken in the prize *Coromandel* & carried into England. I represented this fact to him. Wrote for Joshua Brackett Stearns to Col. Ranney of 4 Reg. of infantry who was going to Sacket [Harbor] according to orders before the news of peace. We have had the news but long enough to agitate the public mind, whether the President would sign it. We are perfect children put in motion by every designing fellow who can sense a turn by it.

17. We were amused with a different delusion of a wonderful victory at St. Mary's brought home by a Rep. of the opp. party, & who has just power enough to talk loud, vote as he is bidden, & tell the tales the party wish to circulate. We have created many of these self taught adventurers, whose only law is to obey their leaders, & who only propagate the falsehoods they cannot invent.

18. Last evening we had a fall of snow while the weather was calm, but before morning the wind turned to the N. E. & blew with violence. We are still contemplating peace which if it come, will find us in high spirits from great military & naval adventures, from the entire possession of our Constitution, & from the proud recollection that the man who declared the war is to accept the peace. All the European affairs seem to oblige this peace on the part of our Enemy, & in all other respects the negociations of Vienna are of little consequence to us in the present posture of our affairs. The Opposition have been as unsuccessful as Britain in their cooperation against administration, & to that opposition I attribute the principal cause of the war. The enemy believed us weak through the power of party, & in the weakness of a party found us strong.

19. Sunday. By the usual artifice the Celebration of peace is thrown upon the birthday of Washington that the name of that Hero might be an apology for the festivity of the men in opposition & Wednesday as a day in Lent, is to be kept by a religious service in the English Church in Boston & Salem. So we submit.

20. As it has been agreed to illuminate the Meeting Houses it has been agreed to prepare our own at the expense of Capt. George Crowninshield who reckons with us, tho' he appears at no place of public worship. Many projects have been entertained but the most simple will probably obtain.

21. For four days we have been looking for the ratification of the Treaty. We had the Sec. of State's Letter to New York to satisfy us of its ratification & the most awakened attention to every passenger. Yesterday orders were sent to Castine. This day at noon the ringing of bells announced the arrival of the Treaty & every preparation is making for the celebration of Feb. 22 the morrow. The great depth of snow is against our military parade, but every care is taken to prepare the Common for the reception of the troops & we are all busy in providing for a proud illumination.

23. The Celebration of Yesterday was much in the following manner but I excused myself from all but the general joy. The choice of the birthday of Washington was made at Boston. The arrangements at the hotel by a party. The religious services without concurrence & both with different ends. The appearance of Capt. Joseph Ropes' Volunteer Company with the mounted Cannon was right. In the morning was a discharge of cannon & at noon & at sundown. The military of every name was upon parade, & several voluntary associations particularly of the truckmen & their horses attracted attention. In the different public houses were several associations for convivial pleasures. In the Evening were the Illuminations. They were not general, tho' some private houses were handsomely illuminated. The public buildings were all prepared. The Court lighted without ornaments. The New Hotel with a display of two female figures representing peace & plenty, with a list of military heroes between them. Here was the greatest profusion of Light & the most good Liquor. The Banks, offices & other houses of entertainment were lighted. Such of the Churches as had lanterns in their Cupolas or steeples were lighted in those parts. The Eastern Meeting House was lighted throughout at the expense of Capt. G. Crowninshield junr. The belfrey was hung with lamps & the arch window in the top of the tower displayed a transparency having a Sun & in a circle below Glory to God. Over the front great porch was another transparency having the arms of the United States emblazoned, & below Madison & peace. This was executed by Captain Joseph Webb, Capt. Stanley & Ward, at the request of Capt. G. C. We deem this appropriate. The female figures have nothing national & a list of Generals without any notice under whom they fought & for whom was a strange imagination. We must give the palm to our Captains. The fire works had not their full effect, not from the want of expence or number, but the want of variety, & power in the rockets. When many were discharged at a time a solitary one might ascend, seldom more than one, & that by chance. So that we were expecting & often disappointed, so that they ceased to excite curiosity long before the whole number was discharged. They went out as in a socket like a candle left & neglected & the sooner done, the less offence.

24. We as Commissioners from the G[rand] L[odge] visited the Prison Ship. Brs. Brookhouse & Lawrence. We examined the Brethren & admitted their Claims. On Tuesday last Brs. Baker & Lawrence agreed with me to give 5 D. to each private, & 10 or 15 to each Officer. I interested myself with the Marshal for John Frazer an excellent youth, & for Hoffman who is an invalid, & both have leave to go to Halifax in the Cartel. In the evening Capt. David Cunk of the Brig Britannia of St. John's, Brunswick, was with me to make some acknowledgment for publication for the attentions he had received. Mr. Webb, keeper of the Guard Ship, visited me & promised to attend the case of J. Frazer. John Frazer hoped to reach home without the donation. With Brs. Baker & Laurence we distributed to Three English Captains 15 D. each. In their petition Feb. 20, 1815 they sign

Joseph Hawkins, No. 187, Lodge of Amity, Poole, M. Mason.

Benjamin Smith, No. 18, Falkirk, N. Britain.

B. N. Jameson, No. 54, Lodge of True Felicity, London.

The petition from the seamen in the Guard Ship addressed to J. C. King, dated Salem, Feb. 20.

William Henderson, No. 55, Under G. L. of Scotland.

Robert Boyd, No. 264, Under G. L. of England.

John Frazer, No. 2, Halifax.

William Stewart, No. 234, St. John's, Halifax.

Duncan Bladley, No. 53, Cheshire Coffee House, Liverpool.

Philip Galley, No. 350, Charity, Island of Jersey.

Johann Schroder, No 244, Angel Jehan, Street, Minories, London.

Samuel Logan, No. 220, Ayr, Royal Arch.

Daniel Mackenzie, No. 282, St. Andrews.

Joseph Jones, No. 53, Chester Coffee House, Liverpool.

Luke Gorman, No. 207, Sherness, Chatham, England. Certif.

George Burnet, No. 226, St. Nicholas, Aberdeen.

Edward Jennings, No. 119, Portsea, England.

Lawrence Swan, No. 47, Alexandria, Virginia.

John Hoffman, No. 57, Belfast.

25. All our conversation is Celebration. The bursts of joy have not satisfied any of our citizens. The welcome to the report has prepared new joy for the ratification of the Treaty. A Strange perverseness obtains in New England. In Boston every art was employed to divert the publick hopes from the administration. In Salem many expressions of the same spirit appeared at our festivities. We owe every energy to promote a better order of things in New England.

26. Sunday. Mr. Everet was in the North pulpit this day. He is appointed Professor of the Greek language at Cambridge & it is expected he will resign his charge in the Brattle street Church in Boston. He stands among our first in New England.

He tells me he intends a tour of Europe immediately. Dr. Colman the first Pastor of the Church over which Mr. Everet now is, had great advantages over every other Minister in his day from his early visits to Europe & maintained almost altogether the only correspondence with Europe which was of great importance to New England. Mr. Buckminster has led the way in the same Church for the repetition of the same visits. Several of our young men have followed Hurd, Parkman, Codman, &c. but not with the same talents. We have never sent a man of greater learning than Mr. Everet since Norton. Several of our young ministers have travelled for their health, but their tours could not be called literary. We owe our College our best talents, but we have never had a traveller in it to instruct it but J. Q. Adams, & he was a non resident. We have adopted for temporary purposes some adventurers.

March 2, 1815. Fitting for sea. The Caulkers & Ship Carpenters busy. Some ready as soon as safety can justify the leaving of port. The politics of the County are again challenged by the nomination of Dexter & Gray ag. Strong & Philips. The address usual on the occasion is not expressed in doubtful or tender language, & it is a sad picture. No people could have suffered more or with greater patience than at Marblehead. They have been inflexible, persevering & deserving of the highest favour from Government. Upon the news of peace they rang their bells three days & began instantly to prepare for sea.

5. Sunday. Several deaths the past week called for funeral discourses, which might exhibit the hopes of life, & the worth of mothers. Notes. Hannah Manning, d. of her Br. Jacob. Three Sisters & two Brothers had lived together through my ministry & all of them had passed 70 years, & one exceeded 80 years. They have in quick succession departed & only this one is left at 75 years of age.

Nabby Phippen, d. of her Husband Capt. Nathaniel Phippen, aet. 57. He was son of our Deacon David & possessed an athletic constitution. Not pursuing his labours at sea he cultivated with great diligence & success a spot of ground near his house & in autumn went up to the turf ground on Forest river. Strangely he began to fail & eventually died. As usual to his employments & exposures his sufferings were imputed but he died at the age of his father & brethren as I have observed. They have one son a prisoner in England. A daughter wife of Joseph Knapp.

Robert Stone & wife & son & d., Death of youngest D. Hannah in Consumption preceded with scrofula & general & long debility. Deservedly esteemed.

Mr. Abbot at the North Meeting accepts relying that they will provide for future contingencies & will allow him to supply his pulpit by frequent substitutes or exchanges.

6. This day we were interrupted by a report from Boston, said by the way of Bermuda, respecting New Orleans. It served to prove the unsettled state of the public mind. No person professed to believe it, but all appeared disquiet about it. The repeated attempts of the Prisoners to get free had obliged a double guard & we have soldiers from the fort continually. Several have escaped after all our vigilance. Preparations for sea are making at all our wharves but nothing neglected to keep all the spirit of faction busy with its jealousies & its fears.

7 Conversation upon the speculations in Merinos. It is said that a Merchant of Salem who took a lease of a farm in Manchester for ten years to employ it for merinos has offered the whole stock of several thousand dollars to be free from his lease only. Several merchants under similar contracts would willingly abandon them. Several commercial men who have purchased farms would be glad to be free from them upon easy terms & several have abandoned all designs of removing to them, who had made great preparations. Our farmers would think of war longer if they dared, as gain had yet its favorites as well as Adorers. Wrote to B. W. C. of the Navy in favour of Henry Elijah Dix of Boston.

9. Saw this day a Shirt well made by a boy, G[rand] S[on] of Dr. Holyoke, at the age of 5 years. Complete in all its parts & pronounced excellent in all the needle work.

12. Sunday. Mr. Everet lately of Brattle Street Church Boston has accepted the Professorship & informs me shall deliver an inaugural oration of which the subject will be the authority of the Homeric poems & I sent him Wolf & Heman. He left his charge without any consultation with them & this has been construed into a great offence. His establishment is to connect Greek literature with Biblical Criticism. Thus Genius has given a disposition to humble him & he is blamed only because there is nothing else to blame, but what he thought his prudence.

13. Dark lowry weather. One poor woman attempted to put an end to life. A nurse Gould who had in charge a very aged parent. This morning died the wife of Capt. James Devereux, aet. 47. She was Sarah, d. of Capt. John Crowninshield & g. d. of Clifford. She died in Childbed & has left 8 children. A good wife & parent.

14. Yesterday I prayed with the Inhabitants at the Annual Meeting & in the afternoon in the Guard Ship at the funeral of a black man, a prisoner from Liverpool, Nova Scotia. Antony Jenkins. The Guards without muskets attended as since the Peace the guard of Citizens has been strengthened by regular troops from the forts, as several have escaped, & most of the prisoners say they wish to tarry in the country. Several families of blacks in Town attended & several officers of the Ship & Guard as

well as Citizens. Bell & pall as usual. In the Town Meeting the Majority party of Strong did at their pleasure. They substituted on the Board of Selectmen such as they approved instead of such as they advised to resign. They entirely changed the Board of Overseers by resignations. The Town Clerk gave up by resignation & some other changes of less consequence ensued. Among their tything men one was dropped who had been chosen repeatedly since he was dead. He was my old Sexton & upon notice was resigned accordingly.

16. This evening Capt. J. Crowninshield reached home from Halifax. He landed from a Cartel near Portland & took the Stage. The Cartel was in our offing at Sunrise & reached our wharves about noon. The Prisoners are chiefly noncombatants & were taken from their own houses & tenements in the Chesapeake during the invasion. The anecdotes of the British are very degrading of their national character. Mr. J. C. was imprisoned by the B[ritish] Agent because he asserted what he had known from the written orders of the Agent himself. Had victory been in their favour, alas for our hopes.

17. We learn from Capt. Odiorne in Dartmouth prison are more than 2000 Impressed men who refused duty on board the British Ships and yet the Opposition papers continue to advertise for these men as though they had no existence. With such confidence do the opposition rely upon the success of their representation with our citizens against fact.

19. Sunday. Note. Wid. Martha Palfray, d. of her Sister Sara Devereux, aet. 47 & mother of 8 children. Died in childbed. Wife of Capt. James Devereux.

21. Engaged in preparing for a new Choir of Singers. This service we are welcome to perform & to defray as much of the expence as we please. The resignation of Mr. Everett has supplied an apology among the illiterate, who will now say they want not Good Sermons so much as good Companions, & many who had rather be in the world than in the study, know how to help themselves with this apology. It must be confessed our Clergy are not the most distinguished in their studies.

22. This evening opened the New Singing School over the Register Office opposite Union Street, in the building next to the house in which I live, under Mr. Perry our former master.

23. The proofs of Impressments come thick upon us. By various letters from our Prisoners, in one prison above two thousand were confined. This subject is less pleasant at Salem, as some of its rep. were on the Committee who reported against the report of the General Government in the most shameful manner. Two Cartels arrived from Halifax with several hundreds of sailors & soldiers Prisoners. A subscription obtained to give them a dinner, for which some merchants subscribed 30 D. & others 2 D.

In the afternoon several loads of them were conveyed to Boston from Salem. They were highly jovial, more dirty & ragged, than poor in body or mind. My second school this evening.

24. Weather still lowry, but public hopes rising. Reports are that some of the heads of departments if not the President will visit the Eastern States this season. All our Prisoners agree to represent most unfavourably the treatment they received at Halifax, Corbett has given the many testimonies to the humanity of our Officers from those who declare they have experienced it. It is of great consequence that this may be fully known. Such as I have seen of the prisoners most deliberately represent the inhumanity shown at Halifax, & they were upon parole, & beyond the reach of its worst effects, & are men of experience enough to distinguish what are the just expectations in such circumstances. One of them has assured me that his history of these affairs shall reach the public eye. One old planter taken from his home & hurried through the street of Halifax, to the Vessel in which he was to return, died soon after he reached the Vessel & was buried in the Ocean. Food for national prejudice.

25. The opposition are all in heat that we have no Commercial treaties. They represent that they expect that all the world should provide for us when they have no ability to provide for themselves. The whole Colonial system is in confusion. The commercial activity of no nation is begun & we are to expect in a definite treaty all the articles of Commerce with distracted nations. Major Low of Louisiana dined with me this day, one of the prisoners from Halifax. He confirms all the accounts of inhumanity to prisoners & of hauteur in Br. Officers.

26. Sunday. Note. James Browne & wife, her delivery, pr. 2 sons at sea & one in the Army. Large family. This day for the first time was read together a proclamation for a Day of fasting and another for a day of Thanksgiving. The first from Gov. of Mass. & the other from Pr[esident] of U. S. A. The first published before the news of N. Orleans was confirmed or Peace known has unaltered all the prejudice against the war & the administration, & was no useless picture of feeling in circumstances which must oblige an audience to compare. The proclamation of the President has all we wish & in the way we wish it. This appoints a day being the Second Thursday, while the Fast is on the first. In New Hampshire both proclamations are for the same day. The Citizens have their own Choice. A Mr. Batchelder who has preached at the Branch gave notice that he should preach in Washington Hall this day. That little society is divided about him. I have seen the young merchant who reads at St. Peter's. He had not then given his answer to the invitation he had received. He has collected several families & parts of families which have united to this little flock. Dr. T. a Physician

in Town has left the North Cong. & joined the Ep[iscopal] Ch. which he attended at Marblehead. He declines a part in the settlement of the new minister who succeeds Dr. B. As he professes Unitarianism this is in consent with common practice, but he says he prefers many to a worship of you know not what. The late M[inister] of the Universalists gone to Charlestown was with his former charge on the last Sunday for the first time since he left them.

28. Our prisoners impatient to return. British insolent under their confinement in this Town & for one day under the hatches for disobedience of orders.

29. The treatment of Capt. J. Crowninshield of Salem in Halifax has produced for him ample testimonials from the officers on parole at that place. Major Enoch M. Lowe has given the history of it to the world. The wretch who offered this insult was a Capt. Cuckel, agent for prisoners at that place. Major Lowe is from Louisiana & was taken on his passage from N. Orleans in the Gulph of Mexico. It seems Capt. Crowninshield was held for Capt. Bass & that Miller who was a former agent & who visited our country & town lately advised Bass to violate his parole, & and this said Miller was in the expedition to Castine. This Miller professed great friendship for Capt. Cr[owninshield] of which Capt. J. Cr. seems to doubt from the advice given to Bass. But as Miller has repeatedly written to me on the subject freely, I am in doubt whether any advice to Bass can be sufficient for a charge of duplicity respecting Capt. J. Crowninshield.

30. Yesterday was buried Jonathan Rowell, the most Indian featured person I ever saw born in Salem. His manners such, & mad for three past years, & the two last in close confinement, noisy, violent & mischevious. He has a sister, a widow for the same time as deranged. A beautiful woman, silent. Has seldom spoken in the whole time. The G. M. & G. F. by the Mother at times in this way. Two Brothers at times & one sister greatly, all by the Mother's side. And the whole family tiptoe. The Mother's Sister deranged is a beautiful woman & has fine Children which have never shewn the least symptoms. The Brothers of the Mother have been active ship carpenters & labourers. One of them refuses all intercourse, keeps his chamber, will not suffer anything to be touched. Will not shift his clothes or the covering of his bed. The other has a depression which he increases by a habit opposed to the uniform temperance of forty years.

31. The prisoners on the Guard Ship are still troublesome, & use every effort to get out. It is said the two Cartels from Halifax are to take them. In some the impatience of confinement so long after peace, & in others a wish to dispose of themselves better than at Halifax, are the known causes of this discontent. Perhaps the news of the treatment of our prisoners may induce

these men to believe we shall be vindictive & as fond as their own nation of retaliation.

April 2, 1815. Sunday. Note. Thomas Rowell, wife & Children, d. of Son Jonathan, & pr. for Daughter Shatswell, & pr. for a Son at sea. The d. in an emaciated state, but as dissolution seems approaching, she more often violates that silence which she has observed, almost uninterruptedly for years. She spoke to me for the first time lately audibly, clearly, but rather with that hurried accent we use to surprise & strangers.

3. We are now rid of our Prisoners at this depot. The Cartels which brought up our friends have sailed with the remaining prisoners in Salem. It was the design of the Marshal to have obtained for national purposes some acknowledgment from the prisoners of their kind treatment, but the change of the guards from Citizens to Soldiers to prevent their escape after the news of peace has introduced by the connivance & aid of the soldiers so much spirituous liquor that the men were inaccessible & for the most part in confinement. The greater expense of citizens was incurred to avoid this evil, & the event has amply justified the experiment. The prisoners passed in three bodies to their place of departure at C's wharf. They were merry & some a little more.

4. Notice had been taken of the d[eath] of Collins, a prisoner, noticing severities. This was denied & a controversy ensued. The true history is that the G. Father resides near us & the Uncle has left Salem for the part of Maine possessed by the enemy. That the whole were from Nova Scotia. That Smuggling has been carried on without limits. That some have been connected in it licentiously. And the Uncle has left no doubt of his disaffection to our Administration or any one of the family. From all these things we guess why the quarrel.

6. Day of our State Annual Fast. The Proclamation was hurried out before the last of the Session & before the news at New Orleans was confirmed. It therefore recounts no events of the war or peace. The assembly was thin but the day observed in silence & peace with no unusual interruption.

7. This day arrived the America, a Ship belonging to the Crowninshields from her fourth & last successful Cruise. She has run the whole war & has not been taken & has made successful cruises. For the first she was under Capt. Ropes, then Capt. Kehew, & for the two last under Capt. James Chever. In this last cruise of 134 days, the America made 14 Captures. She has brought in about 10,000 D. in goods & has not lost a man in her cruise & all returned in fine health.

8. Gave lately Letters to Dr. Freeman for his Friend George Ticknor in Europe.

9. Sunday. Note. Margaret Byrne & Children, d. of her Husband Clifford Byrne. A couple possessing all the sincerity

of friendship with all the roughness of passion & life. No man more feeling & more honest, no man more impatient & irritable. His Sons have one part of the character & not the other. It is a great loss they experience. My acquaintance begun with them at my first lodgings in Salem. It is impossible more sincerity should exist with less attractions to a stranger, or with greater to friends. The expenses which have been obliged made the worst part seem to predominate, but his friends found the same heart still. Adieu.

11. By the arrival of a British Armed vessel taken by the Constitution we have another feat of bravery, but it leaves us in suspense for the fate of the Constitution. When the prize left her she was chased by several British Vessels of higher rate. A Cannonading was heard, but whether with the prize or the Constitution is still uncertain or we could hope so.

13. National Thanksgiving. This was properly observed. The Contributions for the poor were obstacles to any attendance. And the curiosity which could expect remarks gave more excitement than is usual. The interference of a Fast with the day, did not induce the Gov. of N. H. to make any change. Most of the Gov. confirmed the Nat. Proclamation with their own. But a haughty silence except in R. I. was observed in New England. However, the popular opinion so far as I know for the observance was unanimous.

18. Was at Mr. Cummings upon the shameful affray between Dunlap & Wallis. It begun upon a report of private Conversation about the Ladies or a Lady. It was fostered into a quarrel, in which Wallis was wounded. It seems one of the parties belongs to a family which has calculated upon the wealth, which a Marriage talked of by another family is to divert from this destination. Judge Story was with us & very jealously declared the innocence of his Brother who accompanied Wallis. Wallis the most innocent was eventually the sufferer. We hope it is ended, but it is roguery, in which the youth the most active have the least to get from it. Gen. Miller was in town, took a collation at Major Putnam's & visited our Fort. Capt. Green resigns the command & goes to Wiscasset. I was with Gen. Miller & paid every attention to the commander in the District in my power. This day died Bartholomew Putnam, Esq. aet. 78, He was for many years Surveyor of this Port. He was a man bred as a mariner & Master of a Vessel but had powers to distinguish himself among his brethren. He appeared to have more pomp than he really had, from the manners he observed, which were of a different condition. But he had discretion enough not to forfeit respect or incur the hatred of any below him. He had submitted to an operation for the recovery of his sight several years before his decease. He has left a Daughter in marriage with Capt. S. Webb, but no Son.

20. The day for the ordination of Mr. Abbot in the North Church. In the evening the Universalists thought they must have their setout. They collected a number of singers, published a bill of fare, & not giving tickets, asked a contribution. Not the least regard to decency is shown by these men. They consider the social order as a prey for their levelling notions. And so the most benevolent of doctrines is perverted to all the license of character & conduct which can be generated in vice or ignorance. A request, but after indirect applications, was sent by the sexton for the transparencies used in my Meeting House at the Celebration of peace. It has been a uniform practice on the occasional lectures & exhibitions of the week, to propose one assembly as the time assigned for another. The consequence has been that the sects have depreciated the public character of the town.

21. This the day of the sale of Dr. Bernard's Library. The Books exposed for sale supply no agreement in favour of his professional enquiries tho' it is said the best have been reserved for a sale at Boston. Major McClure is with us from Gov. Tompkins of New York to take care of all citizens of that state who have returned in the Cartel. This action is of the highest praise. At present all the prisoners returned are provided with a home in the guard ship under Capt. Thomas Webb. They are at liberty to act at their own pleasure as to the time of their stay among us. They are chiefly Soldiers from Canada.

23. Sunday. My Nephew W. B. Fowle with me from Boston. The ordination of Mr. Abbot in the North Meeting House was an event of magnitude in our Churches in town as Dr. Barnard, the fourth generation in the ministry, an example known only in the Mathers, had by his easy temper acquired no inconsiderable influence around us. The most learned Physician in Salem left the Congregation because he wished definite talents but the multitude are perfectly content. Not having an Invitation to the services as their Pastor had to my ordination, but only to the dinner, I was absent. The talents of Mr. Channing of Boston were employed on the occasion. Excepting Dr. Prince, all the preachers were young men from Boston & the neighborhood. The whole was praised of course. We learn that the weather rather lessened the meeting of the Bible Society, & the policy of this measure was not successful. And it is to be suspected that they did not employ the talents of such commanding influence as at the ordination. They collected 88 dollars, such as is ordinarily collected on an annual contribution for the poor at fasts & feasts. These friends of political theological institutes are very jealous of contradiction & are to be treated as the deluded followers of men, who seem to the world to be somewhat. The designs of real charity & instruction would stand high with the friends of humanity.

My N[ephew] tells me that they class preachers in Boston. Hollis has preached upon two purgatories which he says he does not get from the scriptures but from philosophy. He tells in turn of the virtues of Hamilton & the sad policy of James Madison. He is often in the character of a Mountebank, but has talents & eloquence. Channing has like Hollis left Calvinism but he preserves a solemnity of manner very pleasing. He is a mad man only in political party. The other ministers are less prominent but beloved in their charges. The Fanatic Dr. Griffin of Park Street is upon the jog. A Council will meet this week. He has lost the popularity he first had & the multitude. The Episcopalians think they may have a chance to get this House at last. It was never paid for & was built by many tricks quite dishonourable to honest men. Worcester, who preached his Ordination sermon or Installation, will be in the Council to dismiss him. Parkman is better adapted to North End than Dr. Eliot. He has wealth & conformity. The Old Church has not its former rank since its removal but is rising under its new pastor. Dr. Lathrop has published his Nat. Th. Sermon & is much assisted by Mr. P. father of the minister. Mr. Thacher officiates in the Octagon Church. He has not the simplicity of his Father. The New Baptist Minister in the Old B. M. does not receive the crowd of his predecessor Stillman. The Universalists have not talents to give them progress and the Methodists decline. Trinity Church is rich, not gaining, Christ Church thin as usual. The Chapel Church lives in the reputation of Dr. Freeman. Things seem nearly so.

24. A Sloop, Archer, employed to transport 100 prisoners from Salem to Boston, in the high wind of Saturday night was driven ashore on Dorchester. No lives lost. The vessel high & dry. The Soldiers were received at Fort Independence.

25. Mr. Br. John's D. Mary & Eliz. were with me Saturday. I paid their passage to Boston & directed that they should be entertained at my expence & gave them something on their journey. Wrote to Gen. Varnum in their behalf & since to B. W. C[rowninshield], Sec. of Navy for a pension. The pension Law & directions is before the public. A son of my Brother Th. has returned from the Bulwark & says he has been cruelly treated. A Son of my Sister Dawes is a prisoner in England. I wrote to S. W. Merchant in London.

26. Mr. [Samuel] Holyoke with me. He could find nothing older than Walter. I shew him Ainsworth, the tunes united to Tate & Brady. The first copy of Tansur, which appeared at the time of Walter. He intends another musical publication & some history of Music in our Country.

27. Sylvanus Fancher employed in the Vaccine with me. He proposes to vaccine publicly, & the poor are to receive it gratis. Our Meeting House he asks & is to receive the use for the purpose.

Dr. Fancher has inoculated 15,000 persons in different places in 1811.

30. Sunday. We learn from Boston that the noted Dr. Griffin of Park Street has had his dismission. The fame of his eloquence & the history of his success in New Jersey brought him into New England as the Champion of the new doctrine & as professor of Eloquence in Andover Institution. His boundless ambition proved vexatious even to the fanatic zeal of his patron Mr. Bartlet a merchant in Newburyport. He was not warm on his seat, or a resident at his palace, before he renounced his prospects. Disappointed of Kollock of Savannah he became an object to the New High Church in Boston. His light soon burnt into the socket & he now returns for the place from whence he came. He has observed a rigid separation from the Churches in Boston who were not of the first zeal. With Huntington at Old South he had such an intercourse as jealous neighbours might admit. He communed with Codman of Dorchester, who had been as exclusive in his zeal & he sometimes ventured to visit the Tabernacle at Salem. We are told the young Mr. Carlisle, now at St. Peter's in this town, is not ready to make an agreement for a life settlement in Salem or an incumbency of many years.

May 2, 1815. Our Inspection & Register Day.

3. Mr. Fancher inoculated for the Kine Pock in the East Meeting House & 50 children appeared, but all of the poorest people, so that his plan of paying for the poor by the rich will fail him. And he must know when a profession rests more upon its arts than its talents it would be sure to skim the cream. He has no Physicians of the town with him & it is now to be seen which of them will skim with the greater skill. He now proposes a Subscription. But in the Court House this afternoon he found none even of the poor, so that two orders may possibly be against him & the least resistance will stop any current which carries expence with it. He relies on Dr. Waterhouse who is to come to Salem soon.

9. We can do nothing at the election of Representatives. The Judge's Club will have never a majority of our rep. votes. We are not obliged to sign our own death warrant. At the election of police officers I gave with great caution & the best care a list of Selectmen having a maj. of that Club & I could get nothing by it. It was rejected with all the indifference possible. Such is the present condition of our parties.

11. Dr. Waterhouse with me. Dr. Fancher has inoculated above 150 with the Vaccine & the Selectmen have conferred with him & recommended him to the care of the Citizens, & to renewed encouragement among the Ministers & other Societies. This honest man has followed all the sects & settled in Methodism.

12. The resignation of Dr. Holten as Judge of Probate is an-

nounced in the Gazette this day. After every challenge of his resignation on account of age, that paper presumes enough in its own Ignorance or the public insensibility to pronounce this an act of heroism worthy a Washington. This is either want of capacity or want of integrity, & as the successor is to be the man who made all the impressments in the States, less than they were in Salem only, it must have sprung either from want of capacity or integrity. And the example in one case is the fair expression of the other. As Dr. Holten has been as conspicuous for his public honours as any man, tho' of a different character from T. Pickering, the following is the man as he has appeared to me from the days of the revolution. He was a self taught man & his recommendation was in his manners which were engaging & Gentlemanly. I have never heard of any document or speech which has been handed down from him or by him. He had the public confidence & has been as tame in the opposition as he had been yielding & consenting in the revolution. His integrity has been the same, & as a Judge of Probate he was irreproachable. As he had little property & soon left his medical practice his mind was not so independent as his natural goodness would have made it. But he believed as far as he went. His private manners were engaging. He has no son to transmit his name. Samuel Holten in 1768 was a representative of Danvers, Essex, in General As. Mass. 13 Feb. 1775 by 49 officers he was elected first Major of 1 Reg. Essex under Col. Timothy Pickering. July 22, 1775, he was in the Executive Council. In July, 1776, he became one of the Judges of the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas, Essex & retired in 1808. In 1777 he was one of the Delegates to form the Confederation at Yorktown, Penn. In 1778 he was a delegate in the American Congress & July 9 signed the Ratification of the Confederation & while at Congress was elected President of the American Congress. In 1781 after our State Constitution was adopted he was a Senator of Mass. from Essex & by the Gen. Court appointed one of the Executive Council. In 1787 he was a Representative from Danvers & when the Federal Constitution was adopted he was one of the Delegates in the Convention of Mass. In 1793, after having been Senator & Councillor in the State, he was chosen Member of Congress, & continued two years in the House of Representatives, & in 1796 Gov. Adams appointed him Judge of Probate for Essex, as successor of Hon. B. Greenleaf of Newbury Port. In 1811, when the Court of Sessions had a new arrangement, he was Chief of the Judges by Gov. Gerry & soon after resigned. He was one of the Founders of the Mass. Medical Society in 1781 & one of the Councillors. He retires from all his public honours in 1815 aged 76 years. In the town and parish in which he lives he has held their highest offices & for nearly 40 years has been Treasurer of the Parish.



JUDGE SAMUEL HOLTEN.

**From a silhouette now in the possession of Mrs. Fanny P. Grey
of Danvers.**

Such have been the honours he has held. His want of independence has thrown him into the opposition, & not having as distinguished talents as virtues his own party have consented to dismiss him. An uncommon proof how in certain circumstances yielding minds float upon the public honours till at last when buoyed no longer they sink and disappear. Such men in age have seldom reflected enough to know in what their value has consisted & what they are to expect when it is gone. They feel as good as ever, & in that they are not deceived. But they see not the changes of men & things & that their relations to the world have been lost, and that they have outlived their glory.

13. During the last dark weather several attempts at suicide have been made & several successfully at Boston. Lately Jonathan, Son of Stephen Cloutman formerly of Salem.

18. The pleasant news of the return of the Constitution Frigate reached us. Thus she has through the war done honour to our country, & has not been subjected to any incident which has lessened her reputation. The Fleets at New York & Boston are preparing for their expedition against Algiers.

19. The business of the Poor House has been considered but the cry of poverty is against it. The Vessels at the Wharves are fitting out & the sales of prizes invite Merchants to Salem, who do not usually appear to do business in Salem.

21. Sunday. The Topsfield Convention as it is called, of self chosen representatives not of Churches but of bodies civil when not convened according to Law, have ventured to give their resolutions about the Sabbath & their correspondence with other Counties & even States. The impudence of these things belongs only to the ignorance & tyranny of superstition. The Convention has directed their resolutions & such other things to be published in certain districts, making no provision for the payment of printers, but making them a tax to public prejudice. And even the stupid answerer to a quotation from Dr. Taylor as illiberal, as illogical, has made known that correspondence will be printed in another county. They report as high sounding that much is done and much to be done or religion is lost. Meetings have been held at Waltham, at Concord, & in Worcester C. as well as Middlesex. In New Hampshire they have been stirred up as at Portsmouth, Durham, Exeter & Meredith. And even as far as New York & further. Chiefly however in small places in which the fears are awakened, not any examples are before their eyes. It was the opinion of Dr. Eliot that the Sunday, Sabbath or Lord's day was never better observed in N. England. The undue restrictions will prevent the silent & voluntary restraints which obtain. We are told that five Missionaries will be ordained in Newbury Port in June next. They are to have their instruction for the East & West. In the last sea-

son it was reported among the friends of Dr. Worcester of Salem that an invitation was expected to him to preside [at Dartmouth College]. One of his friends, a Dr. Mussey, was transplanted from Salem as a professor either of Medicine or Anatomy about that time. We have heard nothing since the calm has returned.

Notes. B. Webb & wife & family, d. of his Brother Thomas, pr. for two sons at sea. W. Webb, d. of his Brother Thomas. W. has Children but lately lost wife & Mother. Judith Kelly, d. of her Brother Thomas Webb, & pr. for husband being in Captivity. This Thomas Webb, aet. 38, married a Kelly & was deluded by a sect which deceived & never satisfied him. Pride retained him, where folly carried him. The only one of this branch in the Defection. Sally Hays, sudden d. of her Brother. Pr. for husband absent, a prisoner. This Brother was killed on board the frigate Constitution in the action with the Cyane & Levant in which both of these British vessels of war were taken. His name is J. Lancy & died soon of his wounds. Lancy was a young man of Marblehead.

22. A sad alarm at the Post Office. Long suspicions have ended in discovery that the late Robbery of the Mail was done in the Office. One of the Lads has been detected. Everything is done to conceal the matter & the boy is admitted to bonds. Had circumstances been different we should have found the treatment different. The public mind will soon require a change in this office. Lookers out may be found. Some of our Prisoners have returned from England & report between 5 & 6 thousand. Above two thousand of these are to be found among the Impressed men, when the wretches who talk much of integrity have reported to the State a less number than has been found in Salem, only one town upon a coast of several hundred miles. The vilest policy could not venture upon greater insults to the understanding of men.

23. Assisted Dr. Fancher to obtain a petition to have the Vaccination inserted in the town Warrant. He had applied in vain for signers to his petition. I signed & a D. D. who had refused his aid before the signers appeared had the impudence afterwards to insert his name at the Top of the List. The Dr. F. was sensible of the shame of the act & reported it to me at my own table freely. The Signatures were soon obtained after the paper had been signed.

26. Capt. L. Briggs from the Dartmouth prison represents it of great strength, surrounded with high walls & built of heavy stones. That it was well guarded & that the treatment of the prisoners was severe in extreme. The allowance $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of peas & $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of bread, both of bad quality, per diem. The endless reports of sufferings come from the feelings of men, who could endure any evils but those which appeared to arise from insensibility.

The inattention to their first calls, the refusal of civilities, of liberty to visit in sickness near kindred, & the greater regard to orders than occasions, all contributed to produce an aversion which refuses no language to utter it. They prefer Algerines & Indians. And they offer this reason, because they know what they are to expect. Mr. Briggs tells me that in the prison about 200 of the best formed an association called Polaski. The device of their seal was executed by my friend Carnes, who is self instructed, & finished my two Stark ships. They intend in America to finish their plan of union & friendship.

28. Sunday. The Academy at Byfield, the most celebrated in America before the revolution & when it was the only one of reputation in New England, was first obscured by the Andover Philips & then by Philips at Exeter. After Mr. Moody's death, & the ord. of Mr. Motty at Lynnfield, who had been an able penman & teacher, it declined. My tutor Smith had not the talents to attract notice when opposed by the fiery zeal of bigots who wished to get the Institution into their own hands. He has removed to Boston to be Chaplain of the Charitable Institution of Boston. Mr. Abbot, ejected for Unitarianism in Conn., is now at the Dummer Academy. A Child from my society, living in his family, tells me they have 18 pupils & 4 of them in the family of the Preceptor. Formerly no less than 50 pupils. In Salem we have two rare occurrences. The Reader at St. Peter's has not only entered into all the low arts of the fanatics & the observance of days, but he has undertaken a course of Conferences & in the past week actually was present in a family belonging to my charge at the request of a disappointed female, a little girl who had been deluded from the family worship by the intrigues of a man who ought to have been ashamed of the transaction. It is said the public has taken notice of this event with a proper spirit.

Dr. Worcester has published a Collection of Devotional exercises for his Tabernacle. The two first parts are from Watts, accommodated as he thought fit. The third part is a collection his own & it is worthy of him & such as we might expect from him. The most prominent thing in this business is the accomodation to music. He has noticed on the margin what is sublime & powerful, what soft & full by the vowels. A specimen of that frivolity belonging to such men. How is it in schemes when it is never in use. The work is in the broad 8vo size & not in 12 as all other collections in Common use. It is the exact picture of the affectation of the man & in that he exceeds every man.

The resignation of Judge Holten as Judge of Probate in Essex is an event that may be recollected in connection with our manners & best habits. He has had every honour from his country. His humane disposition carefully regarded the interest of widows

& orphans, & his fondness for domestic enquiries gave him assistance in the work of benevolence, when it originated in the propensities of his mind & the character of his knowledge. He never failed from any want of justice, he might be overruled by those who could flatter his goodness & overrule it by the confidence their better knowledge had the same goodness to direct it. His character in political affairs was from influence. He never was so well informed as he was sincere. And ostentation told where he could be best indulged. The rogues who wanted his offices, insulted his age in office & then praised his heroism in his resignation, when they had laid their commands upon him. He was caught in the snare.

Notes. Susanna Seward, d. of her g. son & pr. for friends at sea. This G. Son Josiah Gwinn died of Small pox in prison, England, aet. 23, born in Salem. Mehitable Holt, d. of her husband, pr. Brothers at sea. Her husband Jacob Holt was from Andover & died a prisoner.

29. This day was read in Town meeting the petition which I signed for aid to Dr. Fancher in the inoculation of the Vaccine. It was treated with all the indignity of a most malignant purpose. Dudley Pickman considered the man as a Pilgrim, as an Impostor & the design fraudulent. Mr. Saltonstall confirmed this opinion, & it was believed that some small physicians had directed this opposition. As the meeting was for a party in the state, no friends of the Gov. & friends of the man were present & the whole was overruled to be deferred without day. Dr. Fancher told me he was present at the time of all this abuse. If to come into town to practice be wrong, all our physicians are wrong for they had no leave. Dr. F. has made himself known to the police & has had leave for the public rooms & has used by leave Meeting Houses & School & Court Houses. If example be required we always employed experienced men in Small pox in preference to Town Physicians. And if Recommendations are required, this man has them from our best towns & a Pr. of the University has been with him to patronize him. Yet such is the conduct from these boasted sons of our pretended nobility. Mr. Peck with me from Cambridge. Rev. Giles from Newbury Port.

30. Dr. Fancher is now at work in our Meeting House, but he has dismissed young Waterhouse to save expences, as he is without prospect of reward. I am happy to find that the rude treatment of Dr. F. has not had the public approbation. The small pox has appeared again in the neighbourhood at Danvers.

June 1, 1815. Yesterday was buried Mr. Nicholas Lane, sailmaker. He was born in Gloucester, in that part of the Island called Squam. Lane's cove is from his ancestors. He came in the Am. Revolution to Salem, having married Anna

Bezoil, daughter of Capt. Bezoil of Gloucester, who was one of the handsomest women of the Country. They had a large family of which 11 Children survive him. In 1800 he lost his first wife & married a Widow Buffum who survives him. He was a man of great industry, correct habits, & a good Commonwealths man & of talents in his employment. His eldest son remains in the same business. Some of his daughters are handsome & comfortably placed in society, but he has not been happy in every circumstance. For sometime he had been afflicted with a cancer, which began upon the lip. He spent much on physicians without any relief. It continued to extend itself & having denuded the chin, one cheek, & having laid open the throat to his blood vessels, it did its last office in destroying the organs of life. He endured every thing without a murmur & more seems hardly possible. We esteem him but do not forget his last words. I know what it means when he said "I seek for death as for hid treasure."

2. On Wednesday Comm. Bainbridge came from Boston in the Revenue Cutter & returned on Thursday. It was supposed public business. Probably to avoid Ceremony in Boston. Lt. Hill of this town has had a Gun boat at Norfolk, he is now in the Washington. The Post Office has occasioned some speculations & some applications for influence. Many are hungry but all may not deserve to be fed at any public hazard.

4. Sunday. Note. Mary Lane & Children, d. of her Husband. The scheme to oppress the religious world does not succeed in Boston. They had proved their opinion upon the late measures & have put off the choice of Tything men till next March. A more pointed or more happy rejection of the present measures could not be adopted.

6. The storms of the past season have given new dangers to the Nahant Beach, the sea repeatedly made breaches through it. Two Vessels have returned from the Banks of Newfoundland into Marblehead with two good fares. This event gives new spirits to these patient but severe sufferers in the late war.

8. Some speculations respecting the Post Office. It is an office which some covet who do not deserve it. And some men would put talents for honesty. The greatest caution is necessary if we have any influence with the great how we are betrayed. Capt. Stanley sailed for the Baltic last Sunday. He carried Antiq. papers for Mr. Ebeling to Elsinore. Our market abundantly supplied with fish. Marblehead fares excellent. Weather cold.

9. In Boston they agitate the question of becoming a City. It is opposed by some upon the ground that the Constitution contemplates no such incorporation. No doubt exists that the point will be obtained if the subject be proposed to the Legislature, as Boston has 40 members & an influence that cannot be controlled.

At the many sales of goods from Captured vessels I observe that the transportation in waggons for the dry goods has been preferred to the passage coastwise. This was a thing unknown unless in the wars, till we had a turnpike. A large waggon covered till lately very rare. Was at the store upon invitation of G. C[rown-inshield] to see the wonderful assortment in the Bark Adeona taken by the America & ordered to this port. The variety of Stationery & the great elegance in which the books were bound, was my first attraction. The paintings were good, two scripture pieces of the Nativity & Holy family had claims, but the best one in the Dutch way was the pursuit of the maroons in Jamaica. The sceneries in England & Scotland were good & the heads of several military characters were interesting but could not compare with a collection shewn me from Mr. Palmer containing in a quarto one hundred heads of persons belonging to the Legion of Honour. The Assorted Cargo of the Adeona exhibited every kind of furniture of the light sort & some elegant silver & plated ware. Many casks of drugs & Medicines & clothing of many sorts.

11. Sunday. An Application from Rev. Jotham Waterman of Barnstable to attend a Council at that place upon his affairs on 28 June, or to know whether Letters missive would be received. The Council of 8 & mutual. Replied no Impediment. In Newbury Port they have adopted a Circulating Library. It is upon the plan of their feelings & great care is taken about the Books. No matter it is a Library. It must reform the bigotry of this portion of our country. It is at present full down upon a level as to its moral attainments. It has then nothing to lose by thinking as do its neighbours. It cannot keep the sects out. The Baptists are in & the Aminians right. It has not a great guard from talents & what they have are impeded with the Jealousies of system, or rather the rivalry for popularity. The place is mending.

12. The sale of the Goods I visited on Friday last from the building opposite my house. The extensive Catalogue, the great variety, & intrinsic value as well as the special consignment attracted much notice & brought many bidders together. The sales were all finished before dinner & were such as contented the Captors. I have never seen such an assortment. As the purchasers were chiefly out of town & the goods in Lots, the precise value of articles at the sale not easily known. The Town Meeting this day for a New Poor House. As yet I know nothing of the result. Persons were sent round to discover what the neighbours around the Common would give for its removal. It probably will be if done a dead lift to the Town. So it is.

13. We have continual arrivals from Europe. In Boston they are determined to proceed to elevate the reputation & hope of the Town. To their plan of becoming a City they add that of

straitening their Streets. The Middlesex Canal begins already to prove its value to Boston & Stores are opened at each end of it. It were to be wished that the Country near the River was better, or that the banks of the Merrimac were in better cultivation. It has nothing to compare with the banks of the Connecticut above Haverhill. Our Country has its worst land in that direction through Andover, Tewksbury, &c. & Methuen, Dracut, &c., and in N. Hampshire the banks are as yet hardly known.

15. The Conduct of the British at the Dartmoor prison is now before the public. The prisoners represent it as the drunken purpose of the officers & British Agent for the prisoners. By it 7 were killed, 30 badly & 30 slightly wounded. The whole history as attested by a Committee of the Prisoners is now before the world. It is less horrible to consider it as the cruel act of a madman, than as the deliberate vengeance of a whole nation. The prisoners remarked that it was just after the news from New Orleans & that they killed more in the prison of defenceless men, than they could in the fort on the banks of the Mississippi. It confirms the public prejudice established in the flames of Washington that the Br[itish] are vindictive.

16. This evening died Capt. G[eorge] Crowninshield senior, aet. 81, bapt. Aug. 1734. He was g. son of Johannes Caspar Richter Crowninshield who came here from Germany 1684. His Father was John Crowninshield. He married Mary, d. of Richard Derby Esq. One of his sons Jacob, a most worthy man, was a member of Congress & died at Washington. Another son Benjamin, is at present Secretary of the Navy. George, the eldest Son, is active in the affairs of Shipping. John is an able & ingenuous merchant. Richard has been a Ship Master now busy in Manufactures. Mary has married N. Silsbee Esqr. Merchant of Salem, & Sara is still in her father's family. Mr. C. was a son of nature. He had powers employed only in seafaring concerns. He was happy in the best of wives & he has been blessed in a very active family of children.

17. Thursday evening, as one of the persons to be consulted by Dr. Fancher, as directed by the Selectmen, I met the Committee or referees, Dr. Bastow & Mr. Dodge at my house, & we gave Dr. F. a report to carry to the Selectman declaring that he had vaccinated 800, chiefly poor, & was entitled to a reward from the Town or the more bountiful citizens.

18. Sunday. This day was interred Capt. George Crowninshield. I cannot get at the real cause of the emigration of the Ancestor. The tradition is that he came away in youth & upon some adventure & most probably gambling debts as something of the kind is insinuated. He was here in the 17 Century as his eldest son was born in Boston in 1697. All I can find of him personally is that President Holyoke knew him, who was born

in Boston 1690, as his son Edw. Aug. Holyoke, aet. 87, who supported the pall of Capt. G. C. this evening, told me at the funeral. The presumption then is that J. C. R. Crowninshield had been in the country from 1686. He had three sons, John, Richard, & Clifford who bore high their family name. John, born 19 Jan. 1696/7, died at Salem, 1761, aet. 65. Richard went & settled at Attleborough, Mass. & his family still remain. Clifford settled in Salem, no male of his name remains.

John, the father of George lately deceased, married Anstis Williams, 27 Sept. 1722. Their two d. Eliz. & Anstis were baptised in Second Church in 1726. Anstis transferred her relation from the first Church. John's Son John was born 1728, married a Nutting, afterwards Wid. Vans. He died 1766, aet. 58. John's Son Jacob was born 1733, married a Carlton, now living, aet. 81. He died 1774, aet. 41. John's Son George born 1735, married a Derby, both dead. He died 1815, aet. 81. John's D. Sara born 1730, married Gibaut, both dead. John's D. Elizabeth, first, died young. Anstis married a Babbidge & King, dead.

John's D. Elizabeth, second, born 1736, married E. H. Derby, both dead. John's D. Mary born 1740, married an Elkins & she still lives. John's S. Benjamin born 1737, died at sea, lost 1761, aet. 24. So that Mary is the only Child now living. Anstis Williams, the mother, born in Salem 1700, died 1773, aet. 73.

The Cliffords were a Boston family. Clifford, the youngest son, married Martha Hilliard. They had children Joseph, John & Mary. John survived him & his son Clifford lately deceased without an heir. Mary, daughter of John, yet survives. The first Minister, second & third, baptised the Children of John & Clifford in the second Church. Many of their posterity have been baptised by the fourth.

George has left four Sons, & 2 Daughters, George, John, Benjamin & Richard, all married but the eldest. The eldest d. married Capt. N. Silsbee. Two d. of John, Brother of George, remain, both married, Dodge & Saunders. Two children & Widow of Jacob live. A Son & Daughter. I live with a Widow. Elizabeth mar. a Derby. Sons & D yet living. Mary lives, the only one & has a Son & D. The family of Williams still continues large & respected. At what time the Emigrant J. C. R. C. removed to Lynn Spring or Salem line is not known, but there he spent his days & there he died advanced in years.

A debate in the H. of Reps. Mass. upon the incorporation of Andover Institute whether the act should exclude all the honour to persons not professing an exclusive faith supposed to be in the foundation of the Institute. Against it 170 to 90. Our Universalists have agreed with Hosea Ballou for a year.

This is the same man that was a candidate with Turner & succeeded G. Richards at Portsmouth. He has appeared largely from the press, and lost much of Calvinism, & is not a Trinitarian. So that another sect with the Free Willer of Elias Smith is anti Trinitarian. These sects do more to shake the faith of the people than a thousand Priestleys. But then a Priestley is necessary to discover to them their strength & weapons. Ballou is to preach in a school house on the edge of Danvers, Topsfield, & Wenham & Beverly. Many in these towns are disposed to hear what such men can say. At Wenham & Upper Beverly they have no incumbents, & Topsfield is vacant. In Danvers, is a society of Baptists at New Mills quite unsettled.

19. The return of our Marblehead brethren with good fares inspires new joys. No people have suffered more than these good fishermen. They have had a good time to dry their fish & the whole fares are sold for cash instantly. This is an instant change from the worst poverty a people has ever endured to all the transport of joy, & no people can feel it sooner than this people.

20. Our New Judge of Probate White has made new Arrangements & his Register Lord keeps his Office in Ipswich Court House. The Court is held four times in Salem, in Ipswich 8 times, four times in Newbury Port, twice at Haverhill, & once at Gloucester. It was formerly confined to Salem & Ipswich. This is the new beginning.

22. Mr. Fancher who manages the vaccine holds on for compensation, no neglect, no repulse, no insult prevents him. The many publications all are seen without emotion. And it is observed that we have Bible Societies, Female Charitable societies, Benevolent Societies, & even have given thousands to Asia, & this man cannot get a cent for inoculating 800 of our poor with the vaccine to save them from perdition.

25. Sunday. The family of Capt. G. Crowninshield had prayers in the Cong[regation] upon his death. The Sermon celebrated his ambition, success in his children, Loans in the Late wars, & the public offices his children had obtained under the present administration. Laid before the Church the Letters Missive from Barnstable. James D. Jones. Brown chosen to accompany me on the occasion.

26. Left Salem early & breakfasted at White's at Neponset Bridge, Dorchester, & proceeded upon the turnpike as far as Hingham, & dined in Hanover at Crocker's & continued our route to Plymouth, 51 miles. We reached Nicholson's & were most happily accomodated. So far the journey was known to me & the objects familiar.

27. Rose early & passed through the woods over the sands of Plymouth for Barnstable to Sandwich, 18 miles. There we found

an excellent house kept by Fessenden. The road was found very troublesome from the sands which were in their worst state on account of the very dry season. We found no accomodations till we reached Sandwich. After dinner we left Sandwich for Barnstable, 12 miles. This was the worst part of the road. At Great Meadows, 4 miles before we reached the Town, we stopped & visited the Tombs of the family of Otis, Russel their former minister, & some persons besides well known in the history of New England & of our first families. Of these we shall take further notice. We lodged the first night at Revd. Jotham Waterman's & upon his account we were summoned.

28. At 9 A. M. was the hour of the Meeting & all the Ministers were present except Mr. Richardson of Hingham. Only three Lay delegates attended. Gen. Goodwin from Plymouth, R. Sears Esq. from Chatham, & my own delegate J. B[rown] The Ministers, Revd. Jude Damon of Truro, Moderator, Revd. Phineas Fish of Marshpee, Clerk, Revd. James Kendall of Plymouth, Revd. Enoch Pratt of Barnstable, Ephraim Briggs of Chatham, Revd. Tim. Davis of Wellfleet, Revd. W. Frothingham of Saugus, Essex, formerly of Lynn, and W. B. of Salem. After some debate it was agreed that the hearing should be public which I opposed. The plea was that the hearing had been repeatedly public already & could discover no desire to expose to public censure the unhappy man. Curiosity was awakened. In the Court house in which the Hearing was had an objection was made to the Civil & Imprecatory Oath, which I maintained & preferred testimony, but it was overruled.

Evidence: Sara Lawrence, lived in the House, refused to pray with sick Child & said offered service stunk. He having neglected all devout exercise in his house. She hired his house & had not settled the rent; plea, unjust demand. Mrs. Allen, d. of Sara Lawrence. His free use of spirituous liquors. Ruth C. Davis, that he used prophane language. Capt. Sturgis, that he was angry, violent, rash in expressions. His D. 14 y. confirmed. Rachel Luther, that he interrupted devotion of the Methodists. M. Farris, at the Conference asked whether they had finished their Song. Loring Crocker, &c. at the Conference. Davis administered the Oaths. Three Ministers, Lincoln of Falmouth, Goodwin of Sandwich, Pratt of Barnstable, on oath, that he was intemperate when called for ministerial service. Calvin Tilden of Yarmouth, Physician, knew him through life & said he knew him intemperate through life. This Magistrate gave his evidence in a very calm, able & satisfactory manner & put aside the testimony by letter of a Dr. Foster. Known to be disqualified by his bad habits. It was said also that the evil was in the family. A late Tutor at Camb[ridge] being now on guardianship. John Bursley, dep. to indecent language. David Croker, suspected intemperance.

Elijah Gates, a Schoolmaster, sent a test in favour of the Minister, having lived in his house. A test was given that it was said E. G. had caused the evil. Other testimonies proved that said E. G. had given other testimony under his own hand. Two females testified what G. had told them. The Minister called for testimonies but obtained no one. Rev. Haven of Dennis knew nothing. Capt. Black supposed he drank too much, not drunk. Rev. Simpkins & Shaw injured by him. Upon the whole it was evident he was an intemperate man, & when so he was prophane, & incompetent for any duty. That he sent out for spirituous liquors on Sunday & was exposed even in the pulpit. Adjourned.

29. The Council unanimous, & the first draught of a judgment was the mildest. Every charge was for the worst. I advised him not to make any plea. We read our judgment & gave a charge & closed with prayer. The spirit of the result was that the charges had been proved, that the pastoral relation must be dissolved, & he not exercise his ministerial functions, & that the condition of his family be recommended to kind notice. We returned to Sandwich & lodged at Fessenden's excellent Inn & found from Boston some young G[entlemen] for the Trout fishing at this place.

30. From Sandwich reached Plymouth. Here I found Mr. Davis, Brother of Judge Davis, who gave me notice of the Antiquities of the place. At Mr. Tufts, the Barber, we found an Indian Shape of the foot in stone. It was the best Indian Antiquity I saw. He had also a Chair said of Gov. Carver. We have no monumental stones erected early for our Pilgrims in the 17th Century. The oldest shewn to me was of Deputy Gov. W. Bradford, æt. 79, 1704. We found one for Edward Gray, 1681. Thomas Clark, æt. 98, 1697. We saw from the fort & burying hill Miles Standish Hill across the bay westward, &c. Mr. Davis was of opinion that our Salem Conconut hollow was Konke nuppl, woody water. We visited the Collector, Son of James Warren, & his wife, a Winslow, & left Plymouth & lodged at Crocker's near the new Ep. Church, Hanover. Beyond, the Snappit M[eeeting] H. is used for the Universalists. They were building sheds for the Quaker M[eeeting] H. on Pembroke side.

July 1, 1815. In the morning we proceeded towards home. We stopped at White's, Hingham, & came on from his house by Brantree new Meeting House, which has a facade of large columns. We stopped at President Adams, found him happy in his retirement. Saw the Letters of his Son, the Am. Minister who was at Paris when Nap. entered the City, 20 March. After various conversation we came on. Roads uncommonly dusty. We continued & dined in Charlestown. Our companions at table were Midshipmen from the Navy Yard & a more contemptible, black guard & base set of fel-

lows I never before saw & am quite sure that I shall never see again. We reached Salem after some delay at Lynn Hotel to relieve our horse, & thus finished a journey which had an object we never contemplated, & tho' cheered by many a token of friendship, upon the whole a painful one.

2. Sunday. Note. Putnam Kimball & wife, d. of her Mother, died at Plymouth, aet. 70.

4. The Birthday of our National Hopes opened after very refreshing showers which had been long delayed & earnestly wished & the air is delightful. Yesterday I had been qualified as Chaplain to the Salem Regiment & this day I accompanied some of the Officers to the Lynnfild hotel & we had a pleasant repast & returned in the evening before sundown to Salem, passing up by the Butt brook & returning by Danvers upp[er] M[eeting] H. & Northfields. Nothing Extra occurred. The house is kept by a Mr. Batchelor of Topsfield, but is not thought a favourable stand for employment. In Salem no public notice was taken of the day except at the Fort of the United States. At Lynn a procession formed & moved to the Methodist Meeting House & had a relig. exercise. Several from Salem went to Lexington agreeably to a public invitation.

6. Friend Silsbee from Boston & tells me my father is hearty at 90 years of age. He holds the property of Friend John Philips, my former neighbour in Prince St. Boston. This day I received from B. W. C. Sec. of Navy a testimony that my Br. John's Widow was upon the pension list by the Army department & the printed conditions of the payment. I sent the documents to my nephew W. B. Fowle at Boston.

9. Sunday. Notes. Abigail Chever with her Child., d. of her Child Edw. aet. 18 months. Mary Hutchinson, Mother of A. C., for her G. Child, pr. for G. sons absent at sea. Eunice Harwood, d. of her Child John, pr. for husband ab. in sea service of U. S. A.

10. The Committee for a Charity House in Salem have advertised for workmen to erect a building 200 by 50 feet. The proposals are to be received till the 14th instant. The President of a Bank being Chairman of the Committee it is probable no want of money will be the Complaint. The Southern Bank money is at sad depreciation in the exchange for specie upon account of refusing payment in specie at the Banks. Many of our projectors talk warmly of a National Bank. The only reason I have heard is that it is so in England.

11. We hear of the arrival of a Cartel from England bringing bet. 2 & 300 prisoners & leaving as many thousands behind. Some reports alleviate the public fears to whom this subject, since the affair of Dartmoor, is peculiarly painful. If our men leave the prisons they are impressed & have no plea, & impressments are in the order of the day. And they are too destitute to get any other help than by such hazard.

13. The Dartmoor Prison affair with all its documents are before the public & it appears unequivocally a wanton destruction of defenceless men. Thus 7 men were killed & above 30 wounded severely, & an equal number slightly to gratify the ill humour of an unprincipled Officer of the Guard. The Agent for prisoners seemed inclined to listen to the enemy, but a bold remonstrance exacted of him caution upon the subject. It is said further enquiry would be made, but of this we shall know more when done. In the moment when the Am. Gov. attempts to interfere, the opposition are with open mouths exclaiming, you are beginning another quarrel, you want war. The dignity of our Gov. & the safety of our Citizens are not objects to the ambition of power. Such is the Tax we pay for liberty & such the glory we renounce whenever ambition interferes. We hope however some explanations will be required.

14. Great enquiry for the property of Philip Cromwell. It is a charge of his heirs that his property had been taken by Philip English, Carleton, & many other persons. What is now Carleton St. was his property & what is below English & Webb street. He had lands in Daniel's street, & elsewhere. The history of his family is a desideratum & I have many papers signed by his hand, & have a copy or invitation or autograph.

16. Sunday. Notes. John Ward & wife & Ch. d. of his Sister Plant, d. of John Ward. Israel Ward & children, d. of his sister, the same above. This uninformed young woman first joined the Free W[ill] & after, the Close Comm[union] Baptists. A mere work of sympathy being surrounded by the most artful of the Sect not best. She was a good girl & of exemplary life & duty in her family.

17. The public mind for a moment agitated by report that some of our fishermen had been disturbed on the shores of Nova Scotia. We are told that the vessels carried in were soon released with orders to keep at proper distances from the shores according to treaty. It is believed that some secret negotiation has put it in the power of the British to take possession of Florida at their pleasure. We may expect to hear more whenever the possession may be given.

18. Dr. Fancher, who has inoculated with the Vaccine in Salem, told me last week that the petition for a claim in the warrant respecting him had been disregarded as it had not been noticed at the meeting of the present week. It is his object to obtain some compensation for the hundreds of poor he has inoculated. A medical G[entleman] objects that the Ph[ysicians] of S[alem] offered their services. It is enough that they neglected & the town suffered. Public confidence has been now awakened & secured & the good is actually done.

21. Came on the second hearing at the Town Meeting for Dr. Fancher's inoculation. It was violently opposed by J. P[icker]ing

upon the ground that no plea was instituted & that the Town had already rejected it. I was denied a plea from the supposed act of order in a C's plea & Dr. F. was denied as a stranger. T. P[icker-
ing] endeavoured to excite contempt of the service because Dr. Fancher's vaccination had not a regular introduction & any Mechanic might apply in the same way. I attempted to show that Inoculation had always been an extra case. It was so considered in Boston, so formerly in Salem & that all attempts to promote the Vaccine had hitherto been in vain. It was thrown out after some base insinuations & expressions against Dr. Fancher by a full vote of the persons present.

22. Saw Mr. B. W. Crowninshield with his family after his return. By an arrival at Boston, on a Salem hand bill, we learn that it is highly probably our Fleet has taken an Algerian Frigate at the entrance of the Mediterranean.

23. Sunday. Note. Wid. Elizabeth Hill & Children, d. of Eliz. Pierce, Mother of her husband by John Hill, aet. 73. She married Nathan Pierce, Mercht., second husband, & died his widow. Wid. Hill has Sons absent. One who has behaved well in the gunboats at Norfolk, Virginia. Dr. W[orcester] of Salem has published his remarks on Channing's Letter. It is rather a vindication of the Panoplist against C. Dr. W's appearance looks surely ill when we recollect that he has challenged Dr. Barnard's opinion of the Trinity, in contradiction to Mr. Channing, at a time when Dr. B's successor has obtained the obliteration of the Trinity from the confession of the Church under his care. This important step was taken by the Church at the house of President Holyoke, an eminent Physician of this place & one of the founders of the Church. It was his remark at the time, "It is of no consequence how old an error is, provided it be found to be an error, & the sooner we get rid of it the better." Col. Butman told me that Dr. Peabody, half Physician & Schoolmaster & perhaps half of something else, had told him as a member of the society the change would be unpleasant, &c. This Dr. W. was refused admission to this pulpit & he will have vengeance if he can if we may judge from his outrageous conduct at Fitchburg & his illiberal disputes with Universalists, Unitarians & Baptists, in disputes in which he has no merit whatever. The disturbances at Cambridge are just in season when the enemy of our peace can wish to make use of them. They have the satisfaction envy can take on this occasion. The desire to preserve the antient order, instead of being a subject of praise, is converted into a charge against the discipline & government just as if it had been of a contrary character. Can religion have any concern in such base employment of the passions. Are not these the tricks of party & of Sects.

That Orthodoxy & rage do not have full triumph we see upon the return of Mr. Griffin to Newark, N. J., in which place he was rein-

stalled 20 June last. He came to figure at Andover. He soon made the place uncomfortable. He then was transplanted to the New Ch. in Park st. & his course has been as short. He has now returned to the place from which he came. The Collector Dearborne of Boston gave me the following anecdote of Master James Levett who was in the Customs & died lately at Windham, Maine, & who was well known to the boys of Boston. A Sailor came to the Custom House to enquire of the Collector how he should get a protection. He had been long in the country but not naturalised. The Coll. could give him no encouragement. While the conversation lasted, entered Master Jemmy. The sailor turned to him for advice. In his own way, J. replied "Do you know where the Court House is? Go to the Park street Parson, tell him you are dead & a damned one & describe both. He will tell you that you are born again & give you a certificate of birth & the country is your own forever."

25. Our fishing boats for the Market are in better order at present than at any former time. The return of Commerce has not been rapid enough for the full employment of all our seamen who have had promotion in our Merchant vessels. And they prefer to command in a fishing vessel or boat, to a degradation of rank in any employment.

28. Mr. Archer has just returned from N. Hampshire to appraise the Landed interest of an enterprising Capt. J. Beckford who died lately at Buenos Ayres. Seven farms had been purchased, first the place of his parents & then other farms so that the whole amount of Lands is 25,000 dollars. Judges Atkinson & Smith were employed & the whole business finished in a concise & sufficient manner. The roads are represented as generally bad & the general character of lands is below any other portion of the Union. A greater portion of N. England landed Interest has fell into the hands of Commercial men during the last war, than at any period of our history. But they are as rapidly disengaging themselves as they entered into the pursuits. The Sheep Merchants appear to have become averse from their projects of Leased farms & live Stock, because a single experiment has been fairly made & the property is relinquished in some cases almost without any remuneration. Our few family Merchants & Sea Commanders persevere but with heavy hearts, so as to assure us excuses will not come in vain.

30. Sunday. No person was left to offer a memorial of Hanna Mansfield, a maiden, left in the care of Strangers to be supported from the income of a small house which Mr. D. Ropes exchanged when he was in his speculations for buildings. She has no kindred of her branch of Mansfields now left. The other branch almost gone came from Lynn. John, married a Smith in 1719, & William, a Bray in 1721, Timothy, a Foot in 1724, & Cox, married into the

family of Mansfield in 1723. Adee, a Mansfield in 1733, & Joseph, the Father of Hanna, married Hanna Foot in 1734. The whole in the family name are extinct.

August 1 [1815]. A most wonderful hail storm, attended with the greatest injury to the glass in our windows ever known. The Season had been unusually hot. Since 25 June there has hardly been a day in the course of which the glass has not been up to 80 within doors. Half the number of days it has been at that altitude after ten at night & the mean morning & evening, at the eastern end of a house in the upper story & sheltered from every ray of the sun & near a window, has been summer heat in the morning, window open all night, & 77 as the mean of night. For the few last days the barometer was lower than I ever saw it 1-10 of an Inch. The clouds blackened & approached but did not spread over, but around us. This day they began to be black around us, but thickest from the S. W. They seemed to rise as if to meet over us from every point. For a long time we heard distant but ceaseless thunder, but had nothing severe. The hail fell rather gently at first & we expected only a refreshing shower. A few minutes after 3 P. M. began the hail preceeded by a strong gust. The Observatory at the Western hill was the first victim & it was completely demolished. Chimnies followed, & the Willow which was our pride, at my own door informed me by the instant crash of the whole branch which hung over the street and spread in ruins across it. Then came the hail & the destruction of Glass in its course is very great. Some houses reckon hundreds of panes in single tenements. The Current was in the front of the town & reached Marblehead. It was little felt in the streets leading to Beverly bridge & hardly at all by the houses in Bridge street. It was about one mile wide & one and $\frac{1}{2}$ in its course. In South fields it desolated the fields. In North fields it touched nothing. It did not even rain in Lynn, Danvers, & Beverly, & Manchester. We had on Saturday had some alarm from the state of the atmosphere from the actual dying of the flat fish in the Mill pond communicating with south river. Many were found floated ashore. As yet I have only heard this fact attested. I did observe when the Dysentery prevailed, many of the toad fish came ashore at Beverly bar, where I never saw them before nor since & I actually found them diseased in the river, as I had never before or any other time had seen them. This is a subject of enquiry, but ought to be a subject of examination. The loss of glass would be a low estimate at 20,000 panes in the hail storm, some say 100,000. Mr. Derby in South Salem lost all the glass of his hothouses & gardens. Col. Pickman's farm house suffered much in the same fields & the whole farm appeared prostrate. The loss of fruit in gardens was great but of property, the glass

was the greatest loss. The force with which the hail descended was in several instances to pass through the crown of hats & in one case to knock down & deprive of sense for a moment by the blow. The largest stones I saw were oblate & on their broadest surface one inch. We are told of some weighing above an ounce & being 5 inches in circumference. An accurate observer weighed 10 of the largest he could find, & the mean weight was 15 pennyweights. This cannot put aside what others saw, but it agrees with my own observations. I had an excellent beverage made from the largest stones I collected, 16 to a lb.

2. The Female Asylum had their annual sermon from Pr. Stuart of Andover. Thus our own College is passed & its opposers preferred. The Directors are of the New Sort.

3. The number of panes of Glass broken in Salem have been reported at 100,000. I should report them at 30 thousand or a third part of the first number. The Houses being about one thousand & the average number may be 30 or above. The damage will be better known when the mending is finished & the valuation known. Marblehead was the only town in the neighbourhood that suffered with us.

4. In the Salem Gazette was the most virulent abuse of Mr. B. W. Crowninshield, Secretary of the Navy. It is all dark insinuation that the Navy Board found him a tax upon the establishment, that he was a burden on Mr. Madison & from the want of education disqualified for the high station. Mr. C. is well endowed by nature, he has been successful in his own commercial & naval affairs & superiour to any man to whom he is allied by Office. A little experience would make him fully qualified for any such station as is in the gift of the Government.

5. Capt. Steward of the Constitution has received the honours of the city of New York. This gentleman was hon[orably] received in Salem. The lightning struck in Marblehead & injured a house, no lives lost, on Tuesday. Reports continue of the success of our Fleet in taking Vessels from Algiers but all the accounts still remain doubtful. Our Commerce depends. The preparations are making for our Charity House at Roache's point on the Neck. The position has been variously designated but it is thought is now agreed upon & fixed.

6. Sunday. Notes. Mary Wright, d. of her youngest child. Husband at sea. A long time with Fairfield, & a native of Sweden. Lately on our coast in a Swedish bottom. Wid. Susanna Bailey sick. Son long absent. She a Sage, Mother a Welcome. At the female asylum Lecture we had Pr. Steward of Andover as he professed much acquaintance with exegesis. It was noted that he confounded sympathy with civil right, and plead because Jesus employed sympathy therefore women might dispose of property

in Charitable institutions, when Jesus entrusted his mother to John, & Paul a Civilian orders silence in assemblies from women & questions at home, & when he instituted an Office for women makes property no part of it, tho' he recognizes the office of a Deacon to distribute Charity in the first associations. He was not more fortunate in recommending Lancaster's method of Instruction in an Institute of several years standing & that has not in its whole course had in charge more than 40 & not more than a quarter part of that number at one time. If he had said something of Nief & Pestolozzi he might have said something.

10. Mr. Thomas & Son with me, Col. Ranney, & Lt. Liman who at present commands at Fort Pickering. After dinner the military gentlemen visited the forts. Mr. Thomas as enthusiastic as ever in his Antiquarian Society, but he has the interest of the historical society against him. I fear we have but few to labour in the good cause with us & few have means.

11. The new Charity house is now preparing. After several changes of the location eastward & westwards, the true site is fixed. The old Pest house, unnecessarily shifted, is put in a condition for a Cook house & the workmen begin to come upon the work chiefly from other towns. Greenleaf, Steward of the America, has consented to be Cook, & he will do it well. The Selectmen have notified the town by the Town Crier that they shall prosecute all smoakers of Segars in the streets which had become a frequent practice among all classes of smoakers. We read a law against Cows, as well as horses in the streets, for the safety of gardens.

13. Sunday. Note. John Wells & wife, for her sick. This is a poor deformed man long in the charge of the town but disposed for liberty's sake to unbounded exertions. Henry Blatchforth from New York is advertised for the Branch next Sunday. We have a new man in English street. At a funeral last week I just escaped interference. Mr. Perley of Methuen has left his charge from disaffection. The Baptists have one part & the Andover Institution the other. The Incumbent had no powers for resistance.

14. The Farmers think they shall have a small harvest of potatoes. They sell at 9 s. a bushel & 1½ D. A more free use has been made of the summer squash than ever before known. They are sold in the market at a Cent each. The Fish Market for fresh fish ill supplied. We have little fishing from the inhabitants.

20. Sunday. The infamous conduct of J. P[ickering] in this town by refusing the reward due to the Physician who gave the vaccine to 800 of our Citizens Occasioned that when the Selectmen summoned the inhabitants to contribute for the sufferers by fire in Petersburg not one citizen appeared at the summons

& nothing is yet done. Such is the influence of the Pickering family upon the town of Salem. They have done handsomely in Newbury Port, in Boston, & in all the great Cities.

21. Rains abundant, fields refreshed. Tales thick as grasshoppers. A Ship taken up at Sea by Capt. Treadwell, belonging to a firm in Salem, of great value. It is said the business of discounting in Boston has made some changes in that place. It is suspected that the banks in Salem, at least some, have a partiality. Our Merchant's Bank by passing from the Crowninshield interest to the Story & White has not the same friends. M. Bonne-maison, daughter of Johnson, a Clergyman, & g. d. of Major Lee has returned from Martineco. This match was promised this issue. This is another Whitman* case, only the latter has not the same sensibilities & was not deserted so early. So we are bred beyond condition.

22. Still Clearing for the foundations of the Charity house on the neck. The Secretary of the Navy accompanied to my house Commodores Hull & Chauncey. I never feel better than with heroes who have saved my country. Honor to whom honor is due. This day returned a Sch. from this Port, Treadwell, belonging to the Whites, which upon her outward passage Lat. 37, Long. 57, discovered British Ship Cumberland, of the Jamaica Fleet, on her beam ends & deserted. She was a Sugar ship of 400 tons, & she arrived safe in our harbour. The want of papers & the loss from the water prevent a knowledge of her full value. The ship is in good condition & it is expected will reward their labours. It is said the Jamaica fleet suffered much. The Ship was discovered on 12 Aug.

24. W. Lang, the only remaining Vendue master, who was first when I came to Salem in 1783, has resigned his Office. When I came his Office was for sales that seldom gave him a pittance worthy of notice & it was kept in an obscure building on N. side of Old Paved street. Like poor Coverley, the printer, who gave [up] his newspaper in the war, L. finds the old way is rather disgraceful in new times. Vendues have borrowed a new character since they have travelled from the southward to Boston. We have now Vendue days and a Master hardly thinks himself in style without a considerable sale once a week. Few think of Sales of Real Estate at private sales. As soon as the purpose to sell is fixed up go the Estates at Vendue, with a private bidder, if the sale is not indispensable. We go to Vendue for everything. Formerly for all cloaths & old furniture, which the heirs did not chuse to wear or divide, or, when what rarely happened, there was dis-traint.

25. We have not had a warm day since the Hail of the first

* "Eliza Wharton."

& but one pleasant day, since the eighth & 16 days we have had rain. The glass has never been to summer heat, & abroad it has been as low as temperate. Such the wonderful effect of a Hail storm. Before, the heat was intense & rare. We have had a heavy rain this day. A day for a Military review & our music has come from Boston. We have had one Militia Company on parade this week under a new Capt., Goodhue, & they displayed a Flag at Fort Lee & had a repast together at that place Tuesday.

28. Mr. Archer undertook my Singing account & I find the new plan will cost me 60 dollars. I have reason to think that the negociator of this Loan or gift of money involved me in this work, which one of the Committee told me would have a long tail to it. No poor creature has suffered more than I in this business. I ought to keep a correct history of these numerous mistakes.

30. I determined to be at Commencement, Cambridge. I took my pupil H[annah] C[rowninshield] with me in a chaise & we reached Cambridge by the Chelsea Bridge as the procession was moving to the Meeting House at 10 A. M. The Collection of people was large & of the better sort. I heard Dr. Kirkland's prayer. A prayer without notice of the secular powers seemed singular. I heard none of the exercises, tho' repeatedly within the doors. I put up at Judge Winthrop's & we had his kindred among the guests. So many of his old friends were called off by special invitations that our interviews were all we enjoyed. The evening we spent in various conversation.

31. I rose early & visited the College Yard & saw the three new Halls erected since my relations to the College ceased. The Hall of Stone accommodates the Students with dining Rooms on the first story. The Chapel is in the center of the second. The other rooms were closed. The old Chapel is appropriated for the Medical lectures & the late Chapel in Harvard is employed as a Philosophy room having the Apparatus in the west end & the eastern finished like a Theatre for the Students. The Library remains as before but the former Philosophy Chamber opposite is to be appropriated next Spring for the Library. The Hall opposite the Chapel in Harvard has not yet received its destiny. Provision is made for a new distribution of the grounds around the public buildings, but the plan is not fully executed. After this walk I visited the President for a few moments & was kindly received. After breakfast I visited the private Library of Judge Winthrop & it was a good one. It is disposed in Alcoves on the west side of the Library room opposite his Mansion house, & with a strict regard to all his habits when he had the direction of the University library. He has the French Encyclopedia, Moréri, Stephens & the best Books for such collections, the best classics,

& the best translations, and he is rich in the view of antient cities, in natural history, & in antiquities. After this visit we went to the Botanical Garden under the care of Dr. Peck. We saw it in a larger extent than we at first expected & were politely furnished with various specimens to bring with us to Salem. The plan I saw with pleasure. The pond is a pleasing accompaniment. The hot house full & the whole region assuming the appearance fully answerable to its age & the care bestowed upon it. At noon we passed to Boston by the Cambridge Port Bridge, & intended to see the celebrated painting by Sergeant of Forefather's Landing, but was again disappointed. I visited my aged father at 90 years of age & after a few civilities with my friends I returned to Salem, having seen many of my old friends & many once pleasing objects, observed the progress of the place of my nativity & the proofs of the rising greatness of my country.

September 2, 1815. The examination of our Schools last Monday gave us a favourable view of their condition. We begin to speak fully & loudly of the superiour character of these institutions in N. England.

5. Several late instances of paving yards, some with brick but I urge stones, as the pavement of my G. Father in Boston in 1755 is still perfect. The first settlers of Salem had pavements of yards & cellars which they learned from Mr. Hugh Peters, their minister, & every family of note adopted them. Few have since the first generation. The public pavements were an example followed by few private pavements. Brown, Hollingsworth, Bradstreet, Peters, Lynde, English, Curwin, Turner, &c., had pavements which continued to my time. Salem had only these antient ones when I came to town. They now begin to obtain among citizens of moderate incomes, & of just economy. Four of the antient were in my parish & three now exist. The Flags are not so good for our climate as the tile or bricks. They have broad slippery surfaces & are readily injured by frost, while the stones from the beach admit of such surfaces as are safe, yield kindly & yet remain & exist after a century and one half as well as when first laid.

7. Treasurer Archer reports that the sum due upon the repairs of the Singing Seats was 75 d. of which G. C[rowninshield] paid 20. It was the assurance of that rich man if I would undertake it should cost me nothing. He paid 20 & I paid 55. Such the debts of honour. Just so I went on a Council & paid all the bills. Not a proposition made to pay a Cent till the last stage & then in such a form after settlement as could not be accepted decently.*

8. Dined at John Dodge's at his newly purchased house in Essex street, & received Mr. Fessenden of Boston with whom Dr.

* See June 28, 1815.

Kirkland & Mr. Thacher of the South now the Stone Church, or Octagon Church, Summer street. According to his account the Boston ministers have sufficient vexation from the popular prejudices S. W[orcester] has excited. I now feel amply justified in leaving the Association when S. W. entered it & see how we have suffered from what Dr. O. would call the cowardly conduct of Dr. T. B. deceased who is now challenged by both sides in a Controversy on which he could not form an opinion.

9. Now five Hemp factories in Bridge street. The dissolving of partnership between Moody & St. Whitmore has caused the erection of another above the three belonging to Gwinn, Noyes & ———. Two of these are for heavy cordage. Including these, Vincent below the Common, & his Son in Pleasant street bet. Brown & Bridge st. & Webb, west of the Common, we have eight factories for spinning hemp in that part of the Town. Moody is now enlarging his upon the Smith lot & Whitmore is building by lease above in Bridge street.

10. Sunday. Note. John Webb & Wife, her sick, pr. for her Son at sea. In Boston has died lately John Murray preacher of Universal Salvation, æt. 75. He and John Murray of Newbury Port came into the County of Essex before the Revolution & both left it in 1793. J. M[urray] of N. P. by death & the other J. M[urray] by removal to Boston & in that place he has continued till his death last week. In the Essex Register of yesterday I gave an outline of them while in Essex & of the first years of Murray's Ministry from the Bathkol of J. M. of N. P. From the facts it will be seen what was his early career. It may be said however, he was the first that openly preached the doctrine of Universal Salvation, & formed a separate worship in consent with the doctrine. Dr. Chauncey understood the subject better & his manuscript which I saw was of an earlier date, but he has not been understood upon the subject. This work of C. I transcribed that a copy of it might be found should the copy transmitted to England be lost in the passage. The widow of John Murray of N. Port died in Sept. this month about the time J. M. of Boston died, æt. 67. She was an accomplished woman & daughter of Gen. Lithgow of Maine. Of all the Universalists who were separate under this name the greatest was undoubtedly Elkanah Winchester. I never was more astonished at any popular preacher. His zeal in the Prophecies was ill directed, & from a Shoemaker he launched into this boundless gulph. It gave a character of enthusiasm to all his compositions, but he left all of his sect in America far behind. His works cease to be read, because not in the popular topics. Friend Fuller of Lynn, Pr. of the Bank in that place, & late of our Senate, & Judge of Essex Court, put an end to his life by hanging himself. He had discovered signs of

derangement. It is remarkable that at Dover lately a Friend suffered in the same way and then it was observed it was the only known example among the Quakers.

11. The month past has been memorable for its storms. The Vessel of this port which brought in the Ship Cumberland & then put to sea has returned & lost four of her hands & her Captain much hurt. We have an uncommon list of sufferings at sea, & in this port we come in for our share & we expect to hear of still greater calamities than have yet been repeated. A Brig from this port on August returned 1 Sept., dismasted & reports to have seen many suffering vessels. A Brig has reached Marblehead dismasted. One of our Vessels dismasted put into New York, &c.

12. Our commercial activity begins very gradually. We rush not but proceed carefully & hope for ultimate success. The rapid increase of buildings just before the war has been attended with a depreciation never imagined & so has created greater domestic embarrassment than could have arisen from any other known cause to such as were not engaged in navigation & where gains are slow & payment of debts difficult. The national finances are recovering.

17. Sunday. Note. Anna Allen & children, d. of Elizabeth Putnam, her d. æt. 9 years, pr. Absent friend, her H., from some awful circumstances in his affairs. She is the only surviving heir of the worthy Gen. Fiske & is in a condition of great perplexity. Mr. Murray's death required a reference to some former notes, & I find his friends made forcible entry for him into the first Church in Salem in Dec., 1787. On the next year an action was against him on account of his marriage & judgment was given against him in 1788. He then took his tour to G. Britain but found Gloucester a better home. The Church in which he was established in Boston was opened in 1786, & in 1790 he was an occasional preacher in it tho' not established till 1793.

21. We were led to expect a great concourse in Salem at the Annual meeting of the Society for Translations & Missions last evening, but nothing extraordinary happened. More Females than Males attended, because at this moment when the doctrines to be taught are so questionable & the translations so doubtful, every man wishes to be well satisfied. I find by conversation with Deacon Dorr of Salisbury, the Controversies are kept out of sight in that part of our County. The Zealots have not great confidence in them.

22. Our fish market poor. A few smelts & some mackerel are all that I have seen through the week. We cannot be very poor when such supplies are neglected. The Col. of Salem Reg. with me this day, Bateman. He tells me the plan of assembling the

whole division at Boxford. The Southern brigade will assemble on Endicott's plain Danvers, & the Northern at Boxford. The plea was that the Law did not oblige the troops to march for review above 15 miles.

23. About ten o'clock the wind began to rise & gave us a terrible gale at the S. E. Many chimnies, trees & fences & small buildings were prostrated & several vessels ashore. The extent of the danger cannot be guessed. We lost one stately tree more of our willow, our vane & fences. The stately tree near the Charity House was blown down, & branches are everywhere strewed around. We prepare for bad news. The damage done to houses is not great except in chimnies. A rope walk range, several barns, & stores suffered. No vessel with great injury. One Coaster left in the harbour bilged at P[oint] of Rocks. The Building intended to supply the Gothic Structure on Castle Hill was demolished. At the farm on the Neck, part of the Hall chimney was injured, & the Eastern end of the barn thrown down. The fences of the yard demolished & several trees destroyed both Pine and Lombardy. Poles thrown from the walls. Our Meeting House was stripped of its fences & one window was blown in & broke to pieces.

24. Sunday. The close of the thirty second year of my ministry from the day of my ordination. I took notice that we have persevered in the same spirit, neither flattering religious parties nor venturing upon their presumptions. I declared against any stress upon Trinitarian name or declarations respecting future life, leaving hope in duty. I have heard of no objections. The vindication of Trustees of Dartmouth College has been put into my hands. It is exactly what I should have expected from Judge Niles, a man whose heart has been hardened by all the virulence of religious controversy & whose head exercised only in litigation has no vibration but of contention & difficulty. I knew only two others of the Trustees. Judge Elijah Paine was Butler at Cambridge when I was Tutor. He has no softness of manners or susceptibility of sentiment & therefore by the same means by which he has risen in rank, his pertinacity, may have been useful in this work of destruction. Seth Payson was a classmate. Many of the family have been deranged & his wife told me at her own house she had fears. It is said in the book he had been in paralytic affections. He is gloomy in his temper & of severe orthodoxy, in favour of power both in Church & State. G[od] & man have a right when they have power. I impute to his gloom what I should not to his genius. The others I never heard of before. McFarland's Letter exposed shews how much dignity he has in the plot & Marsh's speeches how much delicacy he possesses. Smith, Farrar & Thompson are Dramatis Personae, voters. Gov. Gilman & Hon. Stephen Jacobs entered a protest. Now I know not one of

the number to whom any person has assigned Scientific attainments. These have dealt freely their obloquy in the president. They leave us to believe what we please. They represent him as the slave of his own avarice, that he has been involved in endless contentions by it. Has neglected every trust to gratify it. Has undertaken every service under its authority. And in Church & State has had it his only Councillor. He entered upon his high Office when I entered on my low one at Cambridge. I have been with him, heard from him, seen his pupils, & have been always taught to respect him. Gov. Gilman & Mr. Jacob say I ought still to retain the same respect. The pamphlet is under most shameful stile, in a most vindictive spirit, & has all the character of a sect that aspires at spiritual dominion in America.

26. The progress of the Salt Water in the Gale many miles into the Interior is certain. On all our windows it formed so as to prevent the distinct view of anything without & the leaves all appear as if they had experienced a great heat. The salt was visible upon the doors & windows & metallic substances exposed to it. It is also true that bodies to leeward were exposed to the violence of the wind, when the windward was observed to escape. For example, on Allen's farm on the Neck, the leeward side of the Barn came out standing to N. eastward, when the wind was actually S. W., as the fall of the trees & of the bricks indicated at the time. The side is detached without injury to the other sides in contact with it as if drawn out by a violent suction, the wind having free course on both the other sides.

28. Judge N. Dummer who died lately at Hallowell, Maine, æt. 61, was born at Byfield, Essex, & ed. at the Dummer School. Was a Commissary of Prisoners at Providence in the war & settled at Hallowell in 1789. Was in the Legislature & in the executive council of Mass. in 1809. When the Country was divided from Lincoln in 1799 he was a Justice of the Common Pleas till 1811. He is spoken of with respect. The sales of the Ship Cumberland from Jamaica were this week. Some of her Sugars were sold for 20 D. per Cwt. The mean price was 19 D. for the Sales. The Ship is not tried, but leave to sell is given as to the Cargo. Ship valued for the owners if they chuse.

29. The two Schooners ashore, one on Waterstown point, & the other at the entrance to the Neck, have been gotten off with out essential injury. Several arrivals prove that no vessels probably suffered near our Coast. It was expected we should lose our steeple & that the South Steeple would fall. At Wenham the steeple & Tower fell. The same fears were felt in Boston but no steeples fell. Chelsea elm near the ferry 17 feet girth & having a gallery upon it which could receive 30 persons was blown down. Gov. Endicott's Pear Tree of 1630 was much injured.

October 1, 1815. Sunday. Notes. Z. F. Silsbee & wife, d. of youngest Child. She a Boardman. Mercy Upton, w. of John, d. of only child, pr. for husband & brother absent. She a Townsend. Mercy Townsend, wid. of Samuel, Mother of M. Upton, d. of g. child, pr. for sons at sea. Wid. Grace Hampson, æt. 86, very infirm at her daughter's. Lately I have seen John Higginson's Legacy to Salem, when he was 90 æt. in 1686. I like his cautions. With it is printed Cotton Mather's sermon on his death.

2. We have witnessed a strange transaction. One G. Ward who has married into our families after having been guilty of every excentricity, pretends to be deranged & has published a pamphlet of the most virulent scandal upon many persons belonging to Salem & still preserves in all these personal insults, which render him a great pest to society. Hardly any person has escaped him & some dissolute wretches have supplied him with every domestic tale which could violate the confidence & degrade the hopes of life. It is surprising to see with what avidity scandal is swallowed. His Father was in the Customs when I came to Salem, & could not account for the public monies or his trust, appeared deranged, was forgiven & played his trick with success.

5. The infamous scandal of last Monday has already had its evils in blows in public, threatened suits, & heavy charges which may bring prosecutions. The wretch who has done all this mischief has been encouraged by men who by accident have become rich in purse before they could become rich in soul. It is surprising to see a man who was jealous of my discoveries fly to my arms for shelter. The printer of Boston has been detected, one Bangs, who pretends that he was told the pamphlet was a matter of fun only. Fools make a mock at sin. A Magistrate of Salem gave a writ upon the complaint of a madman against a citizen for debt when no appearance of charge rested against him. A Merchant lent a pair of pistols to a pretended madman for his defence. A Merchant examining the Manuscript ruled out the charge of seduction which had been known by the only sure proof, & left them ag[ainst] his neighbours. Such a succession of mean practices have disgraced the town of Salem. These are some of the known circumstances of the Pamphlet.

6. It is ascertained that the salt with which the air & water was filled in the late storm was found as far back as the Grand Wachuset on the windows & streets. The Gulls also retired during the storm as far as Worcester & Grafton, where they had never been seen before, & returned to the coast as soon as the storm was over. Wachuset is 44 English miles from the sea at the nearest point.

8. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Silsbee & wife, d. of their Son John. One Son at Sea. Martha Silsbee, æt. 84, d. of her g.

child. On 27 Sept. two Missionaries were ord[ained] at Ipswich, Smith & Kingsley, for the neighbourhood of New Orleans. This is much better than for the East Indies.

10. Our Brigade Muster & this day I appear with the Regiment. With great humility I have obtained that I should not review on horseback. I have not mounted for 36 years. We had our review of the Southern Brigade of Essex in Danvers, near the entrance of the Andover turnpike, between it & the old Road. The Brigade under Brig. Gen. S. Derby has five Regiments called Salem, Lynn, Beverly, Danvers & Gloucester. The four first were upon parade, the last excused from distance. The number of men at sea enabled us to collect about 2 thousand upon the field. Marblehead regiment thin. The Salem Regiment from its uniform & better discipline gained great honour & as a Chaplain I had perhaps a little more of a share in the pleasure of it. It was the first time I appeared with this Commission. The troops were reviewed at noon by Major General Hovey, & a Collation provided for the Officers. The independent Companies had their marquees & tents with good effect. The Military exhibition of the evening was happy. It was the taking of a fort on Endicott's hill. The opportunity to display approaches upon an eminence & the care not to give confusion by haste and to preserve the separate commands gave more pleasure than had been felt on any former occasion. The day was fine till the troops were dismissed, but the showers made the return of the troops & the spectators uncomfortable. The greatest good order prevailed throughout the day & not the smallest accident on the field interrupted the enjoyment of the Day. I was excused from mounting by my long disuse of horsemanship. Col. Butman commands the Salem Regiment, Majors Ropes & Mansfield. Ropes a fine officer. Col. Appleton, Gloucester. Col. Dodge of Beverly. Col. Gardner of Danvers. Col. Brimblecomb of Lynn. The Captains of the eight Salem companies of Militia at present are Captains Blood, Davis, Dix, Goodhue, Howard, Morgan, Oakes, & Stearns. Blood & Oakes for the eastern part. Attached to the Regiment are two Infantry Companies under Captains Lander & Edwards. Attached to the Brigade, but belonging to Salem, is a Cadet Company under Capt. S. White, a Company of Artillery under Capt. H. Whipple, & Troops of Horse under Capt. Peabody. So that Salem has thirteen different military Commands, ten of the Regiment. The Company of Volunteers for the travelling Cannon under Capt. Joseph Ropes consisting of eighty exempts was formed during the war & dismissed at its close.

12. Next to the Offices in the Customs & Collector's offices is the Post Office. Some late incidents have assisted the office seekers with some complaints. A fraud had been committed by

a youth in trust. Applications of Course. A late Town Clerk, but duplicity prevented aid from any party. A late deputy Marshal, but not being admired in the first office, aid was insufficient. A native of Ireland, who had some insinuation, but not the full ch. of private life. From him I became obliged to write to S. of N[avy] but at the same time I had letters from Col. R[anney] who had been excluded from service by the late mil[itary] ar[rangements]. I begged he might be considered. The S. of N[avy] assured me of the favour of Pr. M[adison] but that no impeachment had appeared. So he said at Salem. It now appears that an appointment has taken place by the influence of a Judge S[tory] & the choice has fallen upon a man who has been tried as a Marshal without success. As a Clerk of a S. Court without success & from the want of the talents which are generally requisite for the duties of the last appointment. So go public affairs.

13. A missionary, [D.] Poor, ord. for E[ast] Ind[ies] with a letter from Pr. Jenks. Totally uninformed he is enquiring means to learn Oriental languages. I found the youth totally unprepared & not apparently of a taste & capacity for his appointment. The vessel to carry the Missionaries is prepared to be at their service & is to sail from Newbury Port for Ceylon, a late conquest of the British. How many Indians are upon our own Continent.

15. Sunday. In the past week we had a rel[igious] mountebank who pretended to be a British Officer converted to univ[er]sal Salvation. Not much was said after the show was over. Last evening died Mary Berry, an aged widow, in high reputation for her devotion & mild temper.

16. Last Saturday was buried in Salem, Capt. Benj. Webb, æt. 62. He was better known to me as the B. in law of Capt. B. Hodges. Deacon Webb had three sons living when I came to Salem. Stephen, long at the fort. His children have not been much known. Jonathan, at the Ship Tavern, has three sons, Stephen, Benj. & Micah. They were known by their aid to the Baptists when they left Dr. Hopkins upon erecting his new House. Two yet live. The Sons of John have possessed the best powers, & his children have been most numerous. On same day dies William Orne Esq., æt. 64, Brother of Joseph Orne, Physician of Salem & a Gentleman of the best genius which Salem has produced in my times. The Dr. I knew before I preached at Salem. He died 27 Jan. 1786, æt. 37. William possessed not his talents but a persevering application to Commercial affairs & he was able to accumulate a great estate. His habits did not admit a splendid bounty, but a close attention to business was attended with punctuality & honour. He died of an apoplexy, instantly, after having had several paralytic affections during several years.

17. Employed in a List of Books for the Navy Department & upon the plan of a Naval Academy. This is to prepare for a project to be laid before the Senate. The unhappy wretch who has been guilty of every fraud & had published lately a book of base invectives & who under the plea of insanity has given me a full share of his abuse, has finished by acts of violence in his own family. This [G.] H. W[ard] partakes of the moral & natural derangement of that branch to which he belonged.

19. Young Mr. Story is about as Surveyor of this quarter. He was to see Holland and talked upon laying the scale. I told him a reduction was bad enough, a reduction without a survey in person difficult, but to enlarge for military or naval purpose in this way insufferable. These things when Gov. sees with any eyes but its own. Our State was wretchedly imposed upon by Carlton, who was totally inadequate to the work. A map for Mass. yet a desideratum. The youth wants education & experience as well as genius & inclination for this appointment.

20. A project between some of our Workmen for the building of a Vessel in Maine. Formerly much ship building was done for this port at Salisbury & Amesbury & not often at other ports in the county, tho I have known at Ipswich & Newbury. The advantage is not in the better timber, but the cheapness of the timber & labour. On the Kennebec was the place last mentioned.

22. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Mary Berry & children, d. of her mother in law Mary Berry, æt. 77, & pr. for son at sea. She has children & was the wife of Oliver B. only child of Mary, deceased, who lived 50 years a widow. She was an exemplary woman of a meek & quiet spirit & possessed of great esteem & favour. Wid. Lydia Pierce with her children, d. of her sister Berry & pr. for a son at sea. They were both children of John & E. Brown, & had lived together for many years in the same house.

23. I went to Boston to M[ee]ting of Antiq. Society as Second to Dr. Paine. The prayer & Lessons were assigned to me. The Organ by a celebrated Mr. Johnson. We assembled in the afternoon at Chapel Church & not in the morning as before. We dined at Exchange St. where we met. We admitted several members & chose officers.

24. I visited the fine painting of Forefathers Landing by Searjeant, excellent. I examined the Octagon Stone Church. Too much Light. Upon the whole neat, nothing within answers to the grandeur without. Little Columns, not the style uniform of the Chapel Church, not double columns. Intermixed not good effect. I visited the Gothic Church. I never was pleased with anything of this kind. But this hard to preserve. All parts not really of the great whole mixed unwillingly with these arches, not order. Craigge's Bridge a most successful experiment of the

covering with earth for convenience & duration. Timber covered with boards, then with clay, then with boards & then with earth & gravel. Returned to Salem in the evening stage, leaving my Father well at 90 years of age.

27. The death of the Fish in our Mill pond, particularly alewives, is accounted for from the constant supply of meal from the country, & the scanty importation of grain, which had rendered it needless to empty the pond for several weeks before the event. I heard of the fact which I did not see, but this solution is sufficient for the unexpected fact. The evil we see as soon as the pond had its usual evacuations.

29. Sunday. Notes. Sally Fletcher, æt. 77, Wid., a Thorn of Marblehead, d. of her Sister Grace Hampson, lives with her sister's D. Card, has children, not living in Salem. D. pays her board. Elizabeth Card, W. of Nathaniel Card, d. of Mother Hampson, h. at sea. Wid. Fletcher lives with Sally Hays, d. of Mother Hampson, W. of Edward Hays, H. at Sea. Wid. Hampson lived with her. David Phippen & wife, has 6 children, 2 females. Only son of Ebenezer P. & G. S. of Deacon David Phippen, Wife a Cooke. Wid. Elizabeth Phippen, d. of Daughter in Law. She lives with D. Archer in Liberty S. below Charter st.

Our Supreme Court has with great judgment determined as to the Sabbath Act that Tything men can not prevent persons passing quietly belonging to any other County than that to which the Tything man belongs. And that no civil suit for any offence under the act can be prosecuted on Sunday. These two articles give great relief from the tyranny which fanatics had begun in our State. The fanatics complain that always damages have been given against the tything men, or the defendants have been acquitted. Dr. W[orcester] in all the warmth of his controversy has not forgotten to recommend a Candidate to study German with me. The Andover Associates are determined to know what I possess. It is said Steward is away from home. The German literature they wish to possess & tho they rail at heretics, they refuse no means to advance their interest. The German divines begin to be known & esteemed in America, tho Latitudinarians. The four missionaries, J. Richards, D. Poore, H. Bramwell, & B. C. Meigs, all four with wives, & E. Warren left Newbury Port last week. A prayer on the wharf & two thousand sang Old Hundred as they departed. The first Baptist meeting House in Charlestown is offered at Vendue. It is 51 by 75 and it is said in the advertisement that it will make a good dwelling house or factory. Mr. R. Crowninshield who has erected a Brick factory in Danvers being asked respecting the building should his manufactures not succeed, said that he had in thought to sell it as a Baptist meeting House should the first plan fail. This was not a joke but a speculation about which some conversation had passed.

30. A generally prevailing epidemic Cold, commonly called Influenza. It has generally a hard cough, depression of spirits, prostration of strength. The worst complaints short, the recovery slow, with want of appetite. I was with a whole family free from it, & on the next day all of every age from 80 to 10 were afflicted with it. Their symptoms diverse, excepting the prostration. Some more fever, some more cough, some more soreness of throat, & some pains in the viscera, all complain of general weakness.

31. The late Gale among other things destroyed the Mulberry Trees of Rev. Webster, D. D. a worthy divine of Salisbury. They were planted in 1772 by Dr. W. to feed the silk worms which about that time had drawn much patriotic attention. The one from which the specimen was sent to me by my worthy friend Deacon Dorr of that place was about 12 or 15 inches in diameter. He says the rich appearance of the wood induced this Gift to my Cabinet. It is of a bright yellow after being long in the air, having thin lamina & very unequal coats & the whole surface broken at small distances.

November 2, 1815. Gov. Robbins told me at the Ant[iquarian] meeting that Graves built the first vessel in the Colony of Mass. at Charlestown. He did not tell his authority.

3. This day died in Salem, William Pickman, Esqr., æt. 67. He graduated from Salem at Cambridge in 1766. He was of the Class with Dr. T. Barnard & Hon. H. Goodhue of Salem & with many others distinguished in the public affairs of their times, as well as of good reputation. He was son of Col. B. Pickman, one of the most active merchants in Salem. His widow still lived when I came to Salem. His son Clark died young. Col. B. was a Refugee & returned after the peace of 1783. William remained in the country. He had a fine person & agreeable manners & continued in reputation till he left his office in the Customs & then having expended his estate he passed the last years of his life at board at the charge of his only Son. He has one daughter who has married a S. of N. Low in the interior. His son is in reputation. His political party prevented his appearance in the civil list during the war & he asserted no claims upon military or literary honours. In 1789 he was appointed Naval Officer of the Port of Salem & continued till 1803, about 14 years, & then was succeeded by S. Ward in that office. Till he married all his children he kept house in St. Peter's Street & lately has boarded with the woman who kept his house in Bridge street. He was much enfeebled & his last sickness was short.

4. This week the two Crowninshields of the firm & Sons left Salem. B[enjamin] W. as Sec. of the Navy for Washington & G[eorge] upon a journey. They have made particular remarks

on the town as they passed through Boston, &c. G. has the habits of a seaman but expects much from his interest. Just before he left S. he directed the repairs of the Singing Gallery & eventually advanced about one fourth of the expence leaving me to discharge the rest. They have sent the eldest d. of Jacob, for education at an Academy in New York. Some think their return doubtful. The Father left several Legacies to aged widows in his last commands, but the payment is delayed under the plea that the Judge will not assess a proportion on the minors. The value of Capt. G. C. the Father's estate is given at 200,000 dollars. Each of the sons have nearly property of the same amount. G. called on me for Letters & I gave them at his request. What have been the obligations of the family which was without interest when I came to Salem might be known if Jacob still remained. I never had any ack[nowledgement] from B. W. C.

5. Sunday. Note. John Wells & wife her sick. She m. 1770, Talbot, was a Darling brought up in Valpey family. Dr. Mathew Obrian, æt. 60, has died lately at Baltimore. This old man was for sometime in Salem. He pretended a commission to build a Church for the Catholics. Offered to purchase spots of ground. But he was not Jew enough for the place. He deceived no man. His contentions with a family of neutral French & general deportment made his residence in Salem unprofitable to him. He returned by Boston & New York as he came & ended at Baltimore. Mr. N. Bowditch of the Council tells me a Mr. Kinsman from Providence was at Boston soliciting charity for the B. Ch. lost in the storm at Providence. That he was disappointed in getting only 50 D. from Lt. G. Philips & had many a repulse from other Citizens for the illiberal conduct of the Orthodox to the ministers of Boston. This vagrant had proposals for a weekly Theological paper to be printed in Boston to check heresy. No modesty in these men.

6. Last night died in our neighbourhood, John Collins, æt. 80. He has been deprived of his wife 14 years & son 12. She has been absent from himself. He was from Danvers & his sister was the wife of the Mr. Eppes of whom E. H. Derby, Esqr. purchased the farm so called. He was an offensive inactive man since I knew him. His delinquency has made him little known for the past years & his friends took him dead & alive from my care.

7. Lately has died at Rowley, Asa Nelson, æt. 77. He was well known in our market & tho a wealthy land holder, he persevered till the last week of his life in the visits to it. He came with a chair in his cart until the waggons were introduced & from the singular appearance he became universally known to persons of every age. He brought every kind of family stores in a singular variety & received his payments just as the poverty, caprice or occasions of his Customers admitted.

8. We have in Salem yet living one of the Neutral French transported from Canada or the French claims by order of Government in 1755. Minot has given a good account of them. This aged woman, Madam Rue, called upon me to intercede for the continuance of the public & private Charities by which she has been assisted. She is the only one left of those who came to Salem.

10. A man named Melbourne killed by a fall at the Wharf. Such things rarely happen.

12. Sunday. Note. Susanna Sage, a Welcome, pr. for Sister Margaret Nurse, a Welcome, & pr. for her d. sick & for a G. Son long absent. A family of great pride but not ambition. Revd. Charles Lowell of Boston spent the evening with me. From him I suspect the Orthodox are much irritated by the controversy upon the Trinity & by his Brother John's question are you a Calvinist or a Christian. The information from private persons is in the same spirit, for they say in Boston they find some persons highly exasperated & a Lady of Salem not educated in prejudices but of sacred life & high condition assured it was hardly possible to keep conversation from theological topics.

14. From Boston, from J. Savage, a Catalogue of Books, rare, &c. for sale at Auction in Boston, 20 Dec. 1815, J. Eliot. This Catalogue is printed in good style with such remarks as Dibdin, &c. could furnish. It has the appearance of more learning than it possesses, because so much above the style of such publications while the public remain strangers to the documents which the greater progress of Europe in preparing such things can furnish. Mr. Pickering's sale was the first eminent one that came to my knowledge for the Refugee Library was sold from the Province house without much attention & without any catalogues or discrimination. The bringing of large Libraries from Europe in this quarter was begun by John Adams & his first collection is now lodged in the Athenaeum in Boston. The second valuable sale was of Revd. Buckminster's Library purchased & brought as Adams' & Pickering's. The great success has induced several imitations from speculations in which I class this as the third which has come to my knowledge & I know no so humble attempt at pecuniary interest in Literature that has been so favourable to its cause.

17. Upon the death of Peter Green, a servant during the war, of Gen. Nathaniel Green, so eminent for his military services, we found only one African, Jack Lander, who as a freedman takes the name of John Southward who was a servant in Salem under the Colonial Government. He served his time at Chairmaking with W. Lander & came from Africa. Peter Green came to Salem after the war & died this day above 80 years of age. He married 20 years ago Flora Gerrish by whom he had children &

a son & a daughter survive him, not living in Salem. Jack Gerish, æt. 56, a Son of his wife Flora by a former husband, lives with Mr. Emerton, keeper of the Charity house, and has never had his freedom. Besides these are no negroes in Salem that have not come into since the American revolution. Peter Green's wife dead 4 years. John S. alias Jack Lander, still lives in reputation & keeps a stall in the market for fruit, etc. æt. 67.

19. Sunday. Note. John Wells, d. of his wife, a Darling, then a Talbot. We are told that the success of the Baptists with Mr. Collier in Andover has interested a Mr. Batchelder in Lynn to provide for the establishment of a Baptist Meeting house in that Town. As their number is small, a small building is proposed near the center of the town.

20. I took my last view of the Mansion of the late eminent Merchant E. H. Derby, situated easterly from the Old Meeting House in Essex Street & going back with its gardens to Front street. It was the best finished, most elegant, & best constructed House I ever saw. It was entirely of wood with an excellent facade in the Ionic order, with a noble flight of marble steps to the top of the basement story. Its stucco work had nothing like it in the rotundo on the south side & the buildings & gardens were in exquisite taste. It had fallen to the eldest son who had left it. The heirs could not agree to occupy it & the convenience of the spot for other buildings brought a sentence of destruction & before the world it was destroyed from its foundations. I saw the front demolished & left it in ruins. Sic transit gloria.

21. I find the ground near Frye's Mills on Town Bridge side secured by a firm stone wall & carried out to the Channel. This spot on the western side of the river is occupied by three tanneries which appear to be doing business upon a large scale. A range of Covers had been demolished in the late Gale, so that I did not see the yards in the same order in which they lately appeared. The increased number of our establishments in the Arts will secure by the characteristic industry the settlements from that retrograde state which has been predicted. We shall have wealth enough & industry enough to preserve our economy & obliged our perseverance. We may then keep our simplicity, our love of order & our gains without ostentation. The number of capital Rope Walks, shoe makers' shops & buildings in various trades have greatly multiplied.

24. I was at a wedding visit this evening at which all the company belonging to five families were born out of Salem. One at Ipswich, one at Lynnfield, one at Dudley, one at Newmarket, one at Chesterfield. The number of persons not town born who came before the late war to Salem is great.

26. Sunday. We learn the death of John Thayer at Limerick,

Ireland. This man was known to me from his youth & a son of Thayer, the Measurer, well known at my G. Father's mills. After he had finished his education in Conn. he preached & was a Chaplain at Cape William, now fort Independence. He then went abroad, became a Catholic, & returned to Boston & officiated in the Old Church of the French protestants, School Street, to a few Catholics till Dr. Carrol the first Cath. Bishop visited Boston. He finding Thayer unpopular at Boston, licensed him in the western settlements from which he went to Ireland. He was a man who had little in his manners or person to recommend him, but was a real Dreadnought in adventures. He has officiated at my house. But was always thought worse of than he ever deserved. Upon the whole he was as sincere in religion as in any thing.

28. An unexpected combination to raise the price of Milk in the Salem & Boston market. It is warmly complained of in Boston. It has been proposed to lessen the consumption immediately one half. But the combination is so well formed that little success can be hoped from the uncertain resolutions of families. Every other article in the market is actually falling. Milk in my day has risen from 3 to 8 Cents.

30. Our annual Thanksgiving. Our new Choir of Singers performed beyond our highest expectations. The Contribution for the poor is rising again. The attendance was general & the day observed willingly & without superstition.

December 1, 1815. Was buried Anstis, W. of Jona Smith & D. of our late Deacon N. Phippen. This is the most remarkable case of Dropsy I have known. She has been tapped 26 times & had discharged 83 gallons. The returns were every fortnight for the last part of the time. She was not a woman of large system nor very full habit. She married at full age & never had any children. Her reputation good.

3. Sunday. The Branch Church in Salem gave a Mr. Blatchford, now ordained in New York, a call to the pastoral care of that Church. His settlement is a better answer than he wrote to them. The Tabernacle Ch. is desirous of uniting with this Church to increase the Hopk[insian] interest in Salem. It is said a Mr. Dodge, a Schoolmaster in Northfields, is for consent & it is said has charged Mr. Spaulding with a disposition to widen, not heal the breach. But the number is so small & their prejudices so weak that time & chance must settle. The Baptists try hard to get into Lynn. They are about to open a house of worship & depend on the Andover legacy to help them. They have tried without success to introduce their illiterate preachers into the Congregational churches, but have been refused upon the just ground of their incompetency. The Universalist Minister of Salem takes the joint charge of the Brethren in Salem & Danvers.

Mr. Kneeland who was intended to succeed Turner, instead of Ballou, & who married a widow in Trade, has finished in his first speculation at New York & turned Bankrupt. We may expect them in the pulpit again. Mr. Emerson of the Hopk[insian] Ch. in Beverly is deprived of the use of his limbs & cannot perform. The Baptists are now trying for a reestablishment & Williams, the Apothecary of Salem, has a call & high favour among them. If we do not assimilate the politics of the south we certainly do their public instruction in religion.

4. The Charity house begun in August has received part of its roof & had not the timber been absent which had been promised by contract the whole would have been covered this week. All the walls are finished. I still should prefer a more elevated part of the hill. The plan for finishing the interior is not such as could be wished. All should be done that is proper to be done. The fear of censure is perhaps the only cause that the whole is not to be complete.

5. We have had a severe struggle with the Farmers who supply the market with Milk. The project of rising from 6 to 8 cents began in Boston. It was reprobated in the most popular papers. At Salem it was opposed by the richest citizens, as absurd, when all other provisions were more cheap & falling in price. The resistance was effectual & the combination tho complete was abandoned & we have milk at our own price. It is agreed that the farms which supplied milk were most profitable & four distinguished & wealthy landholders had the greatest part of the profit in their own hands. The sufferers were all the poor to whom this was a common ailment. No association was formed but all agreed to refuse the purchase at the price.

7. Died in Salem, Capt. William Harthorne. The past generation were from three branches. Of these only John son of John remains. He has sons who will continue the name. No son of Daniel remains & William had no son. This last was in good circumstances from the estates which fell to him but has never been in any active business since I knew him. He was 72 years of age.

8. Our Sons are preparing for various adventures. I take leave of one going to establish himself in France. Another going to New Orleans. Several have gone to Boston & New York. One has engaged in the Liverpool trade in a packet from Boston. We see preparing for our old slow gains & rue. In Marblehead, the fishery has been greatly productive. The men have shared to their hearts content.

10. Sunday. The Minister from Methuen, Perley, lately dismissed, has come to Salem. In Salem great efforts have been made to unite the Branch with the Tabernacle Society & we are told it

has been accomplished & in some measure at the expence of Mr. Spaulding, by his own friends who have been taught to say that Mr. S. had not fairly represented the state of the Controversy to them & a Master lodge has been named among these. At present the Branch is a name, but it is situated to receive a congregation should a pastor be introduced that has address & popular favour in the style of the day. The doctrine of association is so common that the Universalists are to have an association in Salem this week. I had proposed to the First & North Churches or rather to their pastors to join with them in a union with the Boston Association & this has already spread as an agreement for the renewal of our exchange of pulpit services.

12. Curiosity led me to enquire of Wid. Rhue, now an Octogenarian, respecting the French Neutrals that came to Salem when the Neutrals were expelled by Gov. Shirley. She told above 100 came to Salem, but most of them made the best haste they could to return to Canada. That Father Simon White read prayers & mass with them & died at Salem. He had a wife & children with him Laundreck & family were here but returned to Canada. That Abraham Brun (Brown) who had 7 in family was here but at length returned. That Francis Rhue, her husband, with his family removed to Saco, Maine, & tarried 14 months & then returned with his family to Salem & died of his wounds. One child born to them here & one survives. Francis Meuse died here. Thibeaudeau returned to Canada & so did the family of M. Bossnet. The husband died in Beverly. The family was large. I was not in circumstances to get more but I shall make another attempt.

15. Winter still absent but giving notice that it is near. No snow whatever yet upon the ground. The workmen are shingling our Charity house. The plan of it is not worthy of the expence of it. The situation requires to take away the hill behind it. The road to it is ill chosen. It is a noble Charity intrusted to men without talents suited to a proud execution. We attribute every thing to their good purpose, nothing to their understanding in it. The projecting centre gives a most unhappy appearance to the roof. Our Charity will not have its outward appearance to recommend it. Had occasion to recollect my old friend Malone, the Miller, who lived with Esq. C. Ford, Wilmington. Mr. Wakefield married a Horton, g. d. of Mr. L. Holt, the Miller, whose wife was a Sister of Malone's wife. Holt's daughters, Marston & Porter, were with us at a wedding house with their children, and his g. d. Davis whose family lived in Southfields. This recollection of old times was pleasant to me.

17. Sunday. Note. Sarah Leach, æt. 72, sick. Living in Church street.

21. Last night just after midnight a fire was discovered in the western end of the Eastern wing Building near the Salem Hotel, late seat of Lt. G. Gray. The apartment was a Store of Hinman & Stoddert for English Goods & Crockery. The brick partitions prevented the progress of the fire into the other apartments but in this the destruction was nearly complete. The cause assigned is from a snuff of a candle upon cotton goods. It was undoubtedly accidental. The loss is considered great for the young men & at first given at 10,000 dollars. Perhaps half that sum. The Building being of brick the injury to the Building is not so great as might be at first imagined. The people were willing but curiosity was more powerful than duty. Several Thefts were committed during the fire & some offenders are in prison. Females were seen also & a general search has been recommended. No females ought to appear unless at the special request of the Police officers.

22. Was buried Mary, Wife of G. Smith, Captain of a Salem Vessel taken by Algerians & lost upon his passage home after his redemption, in the Armed Vessel Epervier. I was pleased with the sprightliness of her youth & charmed with her domestic character. Richard, son of Gen. S. G. Derby, æt. 23, lays dead. He was educated at Cambridge & has studied Physic. Every effort has been employed by sea & land to save him, but in vain. A general sentiment of esteem & a kind estimate of his hopes is made by all our citizens.

23. Sara Morse, æt. 100 years & 3 months & who died lately at Salem, N. H., was buried at Newbury on 15 instant & was g. grandchild to Mary Brown, the first white child born in Newbury. She lived a widow 66 years, had her faculties & could walk till death.

24. Sunday. Note. Wm. Bates & wife, d. of youngest child, pr. for a brother at Sea. The popular papers in Boston, tho they continued favourable to Calvinism, do not conceal their enmity to the spiritual tyranny of the sect & still continue their remarks upon Dr. Pearson's Sermon. This Dr. P. was the Preceptor of Phillips Academy at Andover. Then Prof. at Cambridge from which his disappointed ambition removed him. He then conspired against Cambridge in the Andover institute. Has not been perfectly pleased with his own plan, has been in and out of office & in & out of favour, but still will be busy. He is not very fond of giving his compositions to the world having been hypercritical & odious for his severity.

25. Several persons have been apprehended for the thefts at the late fire & the Goldsmith's Shop kept by Balch & Co. was opened by destroying the wood work by proper tools & robbed of property in watches & Jewelry of considerable amount. The

theft is in the way of discovery. This was a deliberate & bold act as the watch house was at the other end of the Street. The retreat however lead to suspect some alarm. Very lately the G. boasted that at the late quarter court no criminals were seen & that the goals were empty. We have too great reason to recall the triumph as the crimes lately committed are atrocious. The fire wards of Salem have published some articles of the Law & have promised to execute them in regard to aid at fires. It must be confessed that at the late fire it was most shamefully denied. Being present I could not refuse to see the indifference of the many & we learn that one part of the town was not alarmed as the Sexton did not rise & we are assured he told one Selectman that he had no thought of ringing an alarm bell without special pay.

26. An examination held of two persons on whom the effects of Mr. Balch were found. They committed. The Creditors of the young men who suffered at the fire have met & agreed to forgive one half & accept a credit for the other at a given time. One wretch was too hard & seized, for which he has been lashed by the public censures & the public papers.

31. Sunday. Note. Jonathan Brown. & wife, birth of a Child. Wife a Hill. In Newbury Third Parish has been dedicated a Meeting House lately. This language has become so familiar in New England that few feel the difference between opening & dedicating. Our ancestors felt a difference which they religiously maintain.

January 1, 1816. We have lost W. Cleveland, Esqr. æt. 73. He came to Salem from Conn. & when I came to Salem was in mercantile affairs. He had no children & long since lost his wife. We used to find him at all places of concourse & he possessed a philanthropy we loved. He became a Universalist, but of the innocent sort. He was free but not deep in conversation. But his habitual goodness gave him a ready welcome with all our citizens. He had a long & painful illness & sunk from the knowledge of his friends long before he expired. He had been long out of sight before he left life.

2. Died at Danvers, Hon. Samuel Holten, Esqr., late Judge of Probate for the County & in the Revolution for a short time President of Congress.

4. We hear of the death of Capt. John Gardner at his farm on the bounds of Salem, æt. 80. He is to be buried from Gen. S. Derby's, Son of his B. in law, as he married a d. of R. Derby Esq. & this Gen. was a Ward & lived long in his family. Capt. G. was a man who enjoyed a great share of esteem. He had a good temper & feeling heart. Was a useful town officer, habitually charitable. Lived in peace with all the families with which his

own were incorporated. His only D. married Hon. Jacob Crowninshield & both are dead. Has two sons who have involved his affairs & rendered him destitute in his old age. He was a man of piety, but of great sincerity. He inclined to Universal Salvation because he loved men.

5. This day the news of the death of Dr. Lathrop, set. 76, reached me. When my Pastor Dr. Pemberton received him at New Brick he became my minister. He was not a Theologian, but he was a man of pure spirit, misled perhaps sometimes but never corrupted. He ventured to baptise by immersion & once I saw him perform the rite in a bath before his pulpit. He should have not questioned the form but should not have adopted it. When Universal Salvation came he adopted it, but then he was a disciple of Chauncy & not of Rely. He then became a Unitarian & the doctrine of Character was his delight & no man had a better claim to the pleasures of it. In politics he was almost rash for the revolution, so much as to have his sermon reprinted in England & severely lashed by the Critical reviewer. In the late war he was as rashly federal from pulpit & press. Speaking of Jefferson's proclamation in the pulpit he said he does not mean so, as to the purpose of the day. He has been for many years Fellow of U. of Cambridge & a sincere friend of the college. He could not rank as a man of Literature & his pulpit & public performances were less popular than since the zeal he has displayed ag. the present administration. But he was beloved by all the ministers & was their friend. He was of good person & very handsome appearance in the pulpit, a gentleman, & a sincere friend of sober enquiry. He was an ornament to his profession & the glory of human nature.

7. Sunday. Notes. Mary Goodrich, d. of her husband & friends absent. Capt. G. died on his passage from New Orleans to New York. He had lived several years in Salem. She left with several small children, females. Her property lost or not accounted for. Wid. Elizabeth Millet, she a Masury, d. of Son William, foundered, pr. for two sons at sea. Peter Berry & wife, delivery. An industrious foreigner & of good manners. On Friday last died John Lathrop, D. D. who was with us 27 Nov. & appeared in good health. I believe I am the only member of the New Brick Church who was present to receive him in 1779 when he returned from Providence after the siege. He was not a scholar, but a Gentleman & Christian. Deserving of all confidence, received in every social & literary institution. The warmth of his zeal in the course of a political party in Boston gave his publications the same character which they had in favour of the revolution, tho we might have expected that zeal would have been for our republican administration. But the success of the war has

made us willing to forget all animosities. The Dr. was in the market on Friday preceeding & returned with a shivering, & which he at length supposed was a return of an ague with which he had been before afflicted. It did not prove so, but a fever which ended his life in the course of a week. He has left several Children, but it is presumed not much estate besides the House in which he lived. The New Brick Church gave him several hundred ounces of plate from their table at the Union of the Old & New B. Churches & the Old North gave him the Lot in the square in which stood the old North Meeting House till destroyed in the siege.

9. Went to Boston to attend the funeral of Dr. Lathrop. The Pall was supported by Pr. Kirkland, R. Ware, Dr. Freeman, Mr. Channing, Lowell, & Holley. Prayers by Pr. Kirkland & Channing. Sermon by Mr. Parkman. 41 Carriages in the procession, no females on foot. Body interred in the Common Burying Ground. I walked with the Church after the hearse. Everyone was disposed to do honour to the virtues of the venerable dead. In the day I was at Mr. Greenwood's to see several Italian Antient paintings. The heads were the most attractive. Here I saw the head of Dr. Cooper by Copley & another attempted by the artist. Many paintings entertained us. The Landing of our Fathers had been removed & we did not discover where it was to be found. In the evening my pupil & young nephew, &c. visited the Elephant kept in Boston.

10. Went with my Pupil & Nephew to visit President Adams, but found him gone to visit the widow of his lately deceased friend & neighbour Cotton Tufts who died, æt. 84, & Madam Adams had received some alarms from a sudden indisposition which confined her to her chamber. Our visit was short and we returned on the Quincy turnpike having through mistake going out taken the Milton turnpike & not discovered our errour till at the settlement at the Bridge. In Boston, I visited my relatives & returned in Salem stage to Salem. Last night upon the alarm of fire I went to Charlestown & saw consumed several tenements upon the northern side of the Town Square near the Bridge. A fire has been lately at Brooklyne. In Boston they say they have escaped wonderfully lately.

11. The harbour of Salem on Monday night closed with ice as far as the point of rocks & the few vessels at the Wharves were obliged to cut out for sea. The first snow fell very level & not much of it upon the ground. The second, a little drifted but the snow which is falling is in high drifts & makes travel very difficult. The markets are well supplied.

14. Sunday. Note. James Snow, sick. He has long been deranged & is extremely poor depending on the care of his chil-

dren, whom in his bewildered state he has much reproached unjustly. The Reader at St. Peter's in Salem, M. Carlisle, has received Deacon's orders from Bp. Griswold.

15. The great number of newspapers put in circulation every incident which is raised in every local situation as its appropriate contribution to the public entertainment. So not a fire, an accident, a fear or a hope but it flies quickly throughout the union. The public mind is already unaccustomed to weigh these things & perhaps undervalue them.

16. The Nautical Almanac is continued & copied by Blunt, N. York. This man continues to publish Charts. He has begun a work of great utility. He soon is to publish one of the West Indies in 2 sheets, Windward and Leeward. Capt. S. Lambert is continually employed in copying such maps as are in demand for our seamen in Salem with his pen. Blunt, publisher of the practical Navigator, began publishing the Nautical Almanac in 1811, so that I have a complete series of the Am. publication.

21. Sunday. Notes. Sara Dawson, d. of her husband, pr. for her children. Daniel Knight & wife, d. of youngest child. If character deserves to be contemplated, Uncle Dawson deserves to be remembered as an uncommon example of a long habit of indulgence in intemperance & actual intoxication without loss of health, good temper, willing labour & kind affections. He was as much lamented & as tenderly caressed by his wife without reproach in his last as in his first days. He lived 16 years in the Pest House & 15 months in the Charity house & in this he died. John Dawson was born in Gurnsey in March, 1730, & died æt. 86. He escaped seven times from a British Man of war & in 1757 was taken by the Indians at Crown point when in the British service. At 33 he married his wife, the widow Whitford, alias White. He was five years in British service after marriage & has left two children. For 32 years I have known him at labour at the wharves, afterwards with a small cart & at last beyond labour. His intoxication seemed to be easy & constant. At the pest house he was often in my path, silent, when alive enough, cheerful & finally died of the mere old age by a collapse of the bowels but without any loss of his senses, his memory or of things around him. I never thought he could bear much, but his calm temper balanced the evils of his habits. In the last period of his life he was deaf, but gradually as is common in age. He was honest, kind, ready, affectionate, generous, & not uncommonly prophane or licentious. I notice it as a rare case of uniform indulgence. Mr. Knight's case is that of Melancholia. His child died at the same time with another of the same age & in the same house of Cynanche trachealis.

Our Sabbath or Sunday folks are determined to try again at

Topsfield. The present object is to prepare to execute the laws which when obsolete should be repealed & not left to be employed by fanatics for the vexation of quiet citizens.

22. The habits of war & privateering have sensibly injured the public morals. A store of Davis, in English St., was violated last week. The offender upon whom the goods were found is in prison. It is less safe than formerly to trust property uncovered through the night.

23. In Salem, Charity has less of a system & yet it is in greater action. Our poor know not upon whom they depend. The proportion of associated charities is small. It scarcely exceeds one thousand Dollars. The poor depend on the sympathies & it is as much labour to beg as to work. We have few beggars & yet few who do not supply some wants & few who have all their wants supplied from others. Our Charity house relieves only the humblest class, most often the most vitious. And this charity which obliges economy, temperance, some severity & many self denials does less to corrupt mankind than any other kind of Charity. So it seems to me.

25. When Mr. N. Richardson, 1796, died it was said his estate was the greatest which had received a probate under Judge Greenleaf in Essex County. It has been said the estates of Col. B. Pickman, T. Orne & F. Cabot were greater in the preceeding generation & that of R. Derby & even perhaps Col. Turner. Since, Gen. Fiske, E. H. Derby, W. Orne, G. Crowninshield, &c.

27. Several instances of Theft lately. In one it is presumed it was a violation of Trust as no further investigation is pursued. A Brother left in Dollars a sum at a Brother's house. The wife was found disposing of Dollars, without a knowledge of their value in the market, for things of which she knew not the value. The theft was reported in a form in the least degree probable & the box was found at a hall near the house, where it must most probably have come first. Some think our laws against theft too mild, & that we need sanguinary laws. One man said so whom I should deem a proper subject.

29. The direction of all the turnpikes to Boston it is said has much injured the inland trade of Salem. But much of the complaint might have arisen from the wonderful increase of stores for English & West India goods perhaps as far beyond the proportion of our Commerce as could well be imagined, without a proportioned increase of our inland trade, & so a just proportion in business is not enjoyed such as gave content when the inland trade was the same & the number of traders less. The influx of strangers in all the arts & trades is greater than at any former period, but the population has not risen to the number which was in Salem in 1810, last Census.

30. As most of our Vessels left port together & few are fitting out in winter less employment is found for our shipwrights, Rope-walks & arts concerned in exports than is usual & much less than the expectations of peace might occasion. Many have removed to Boston, but most have returned who add anything from active labour. But we have more Shipwrights, Ropemakers & Smiths, than at any former period.

February 4, 1816. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Margaret Bishop & children, D. of her Sister Elizabeth Deland. The Sister at 19, m. Wm. Robins, then Thomas Wittich, then Joseph Deland. Of her five children none are known to survive her. She seperated from her last H. but was never divorced. A Cox.

John Cook & wife, d. of her Brother James Patfield & pr. for friends absent. James Patfield served an apprentice to Vincent & Co., Ropemakers, was in the marine service in Boston harbour & at work in the rigging. It fell & precipitated him & his two companions into the water. The other two were recovered. He belonged to the 74 Independence. John Cook is a S. of H. Keene but has taken no other name than that of Baptism, married a Patfield, & has three ch., 2 sons.

Such was the success of the papers on Christmas in the newspaper of Newburyport, that the editor has given them in a pamphlet. The conviction is full that no authority could be found for a day of which no record exists. But Ep. did not suffer defeat in this way. Immediately an enquiry was made what authority but of the Church changed the seventh day Worship to the first. Here is an attack upon holy time. In the true N.P. manner the printer was obliged to confess that the enquiry had something of a prophane appearance & the reader was referred to bodies of Divinity for the solution, & silence imposed. Such the present state but no text, no order, no inspiration proved as was challenged. Such Sunday. Who has the triumph now? The pamphlet has lost its fame & silence ensues. Topsfield Hotel Sunday Convention recommended to the towns of Essex to apply to the Gen. Court relative to Sunday Laws. Worcester & Parish appeared at their head unaccompanied with any other person of good or ill name or influence. We have heard of no such pet. in this County. Some are notified as received in the day Bill of the Court & the Law has been committed. At the end of the session we shall see what is done. The matter of Holy time is not yet settled, no not even at Newbury port, by superstition upon the throne of its glory.

9. Our Mr. Saunders this week did well at his Book Vendue. The library of a young Medical Student was sold. It was the first time in Salem that I saw Books from private collections offered for sale. The greater number of the Books were American editions from the shelves of Booksellers.

12. In Mr. Sprague, Post Master's family a melancholy event happened this evening. The maid servant, in the absence of the parents, put a child to bed & by the candle carelessly put fire to the bed curtains. The fire was not discovered till the fate of the child was decided. It was terribly burnt & expired in the night & the bed & its fine vallance destroyed. The maid it is presumed from hurrying to her chamber to dress, had an evening excursion before her.

13. Conversed with Capt. Jeremiah Briggs, one of my proprietors. He has the plan of a voyage to the East. It has been proposed that he should circumnavigate & after a visit to the N.W. coast that he should pass to Asia. At present Bourbon is named. He goes prepared for a five years voyage if he can promise anything from it & he has made me many promises in natural history which, if in his power, I believe he has ambition to perform. He is a man of excellent natural genius, cultivated as his opportunities could admit but capable of great development & of powerful & persevering action. Our young men familiarly talk of new channels of trade to be opened by enterprise & discovery.

15. This day for the first time I was present at the fifth day meeting of the Friends & saw a wedding in their way. The young couple reported at one monthly meeting & accepted at another are allowed to marry in their own meeting or in the society of Friends to which they belong. They rise & join hands & declare in their form. Then a record is made & signed by them & read by the Clerk of the Meeting. After that a table is laid for signers of both sexes who rise & go at their discretion. As a religious ceremony it is as simple as can be, & as a civil obligation as explicit, and public as it can be made. The record of witnesses is equal to any which can be found in any Ecclesiastical Court. At this meeting was present Elias Hicks from Long Island, N. Y., a celebrated Speaker. This person is good & his utterance correct when he gives his opinion. He has more the accent of the sect when he attempts to raise their sympathies. He considered marriage as the highest covenant of man & the emblem of his cov. with God. He has the language of theology & life intermixed but his sentiments were in substance, scope & end good. The names of the parties were Rogers of Berwick & Purrington of Danvers.

16. Yesterday died Ebenezer Beckford Esq., æt. 79. He had been elected provisionally as Elder of the first Church in Salem, as the sovereignty of Mr. Fiske had prevented them from such meetings as they chose & the zeal of Deacon Pickering had agitated many questions of Church Authority. I have never heard of any examples of his Church authority but he was an excellent man into whose hands the power of the Platform might be lodged. He was son of an aged Deacon of the Church who survived four score

& was known to me upon my first coming to Salem. This Deacon had a large family & one son was well known to me at Beverly & several others in Salem. Elder B. married a Hunt & Sister of the late Deacon Hunt in the same Church. He was a man of great prudence, but a most excellent Overseer of the poor, an office he held 30 years. When he retired all the poor lamented it. This was the most observed & best part of his life. In his manners he was kind & in his opinions safe. His theological sentiments were enlightened & had good influence on his temper. In State parties he was on the side of power, but never against right and order. In his domestic character he was exemplary, but not most blessed in his children. On the mother's side has been a family derangement which has been visible in many branches of the family. He is very much lamented.

18. Sunday. Note. Mary Tozzer for her Mother sick. She died soon after. She was a very corpulent woman & as little of cultivation as might be possible in cultivated society. Her Mother Whitefoot had all the volatility of a girl after a Century, dying at 103. The Mother very small, the daughter very large. The mother trifling, the other severe, clamorous & not cautious. At 88 she had lost none of her flesh though long confined to her house & filled with ulcers. In Salem the Free Will Baptists have begun a conversion of Children. Died, the wife of Clough, formerly Clerk of the Church after Mascoll & before Parker. His wife a Mansfield. His father came from Copp's Hill, Boston, with the Windmill. This puts an end to all the males of the name. Three D. left æt. 78. In the Charity House, buried at the expence of the members of the Ep. Church.

25. Sunday. Notes. Mary Tozzer, the Daughter, d. of her mother. Upon her the care of forty years has devolved & she has been found faithful throughout among many severe duties of poverty, pain & not always submissive passions. William Tozzer & wife, d. of his mother. He married a Lane & is worthy. Mary Tozzer & her Children. This is the widow of Ebenezer the son. The father Ebenezer.

29. The Book Sale of yesterday was not well attended. Most of the Books were American Editions collected from the shelves of Booksellers & purchased by the kind of men who sell. The Social Library had but few valuable Books & was rather a cover to the other Books, than the substance of the Sale. Several parcels of Books were sold after the Catalogue was finished but not prime books.

March 1, 1816. Last evening a Ball was given to Gen. Ripley & his aids at Dr. Barstow's. The Club called Tory & White's dined that day at their annual dinner & extended their invitations. It is thought the Club do not relish their neutral situation,

but perhaps they are instructed to cover their designs. We can attribute little to the many who may err in the absence of their leader. They are not the men to lead the multitude of any party anywhere.

4. The news is confirmed of the d. of Capt. John Becket, son of John who died in 1804. He was a young man of the best hopes & the pride of an antient family. He has left a widow & 3 children. He sailed from Norfolk for Cork, in Ireland, & died on his passage, æt. 40. We have lost a valuable man. The Ship also navigated by Capt. Henry Allen from Charlestown to N. York, was seen deserted & we have heard nothing of the Crew. Capt. H. Allen lived in the same house with Capt. J. Becket & has a wife & three children. We have very serious apprehensions. We have another young Captain, James Fairfield, very sick at New York.

5. We are told that the friends of the Gen. Government were never better prepared to contest the approaching elections in Salem than at the present moment. Committees within Committees exist & every man is known who is qualified. Never have men of every rank appeared more in concert & in action than at the present time. The Nominations are already made & published. Energy will extend blessings to every concern.

7. Died Philip Kimball, æt. 54. An example of the slow progress of knowledge. He came from Andover, married in Salem, a Devotee, a Pease, & was among the votaries of Mr. Spaulding. She died last year. He received an itinerant Quack into his house. They saw sights & heard noises, in truth all the weakness & terror of 92. He is now dead with a mind as isolated from everything of the age as if he had never lived in it. He lived in Carlton street & was a subject of much conversation. Decent in his manners.

8. We had a Caucus of Republicans in the Chambers over the Merchant's Bank, Union street. It was full & unanimous. The Candidates were nominated & names ordered to be printed. We have had also a County Convention at Ipswich at which Joseph Ropes was Chairman & E. F. Wallace, Clerk & they have made an address.

10. Sunday. Notes. Sara Becket, d. of her husband Capt. Becket, æt. 40, pr. brother at sea. She was a d. of Deacon James Brown by his first wife, a Masury. Her own brother. Sara Becket & children, d. of her Son J. Becket. She was a Dean & Mother in law, being the third wife of the Father John Becket. The first, a Brown, drowned in King's boat. The second, true mother, an Ingersoll. John was about 14 y of age when he came into the charge of this mother, a most excellent woman. David, a shipwright, the only son yet with her & Rebecca a good woman &

an excellent singer constant in our worship, d. Mary, long confined by a Consumptive habit, that must destroy her without hope. The Brother died in 1804. The Mother in 1790. John was a Commander of a vessel before his marriage in 1807, Aug. 2. He went for Europe in Ap. 1809, in Bark Pacific, & his vessel was condemned in Sweden & he returned in May, 1810. His excellent Sister Eliz. Waters died March, 1809, æt. 27. He bapt. Nov. 1776. He was on a voyage from the Southern States to Ireland when he died. He was a man of wit & judgment, of an independant but benevolent mind. James Brown & wife, d. of his Son in law Becket, pr. for sons at Sea. Our Deacon. Mary Browne, d. of her g. son Becket & pr. for G. Sons at sea. Wid. of Deacon W. Browne. Samuel Langley sick, desired prayers.

In various places notices are given of Awakenings. If they have any resemblance to what we see & are seen, as with our eyes, they must be wretched proofs of sad delusion, bad education & most unworthy dispositions. A young man, lately a common sailor, without talents or information, led this morning seven young females below our wharves into the water for baptism, for immersion. They professed to be wonderfully edified. Th. below freezing in open air.

11. The friends of the General Gov. having united in Salem to support the common cause, last Saturday a resolution was formed to enter upon the list of voters all qualified persons, & to give them every aid in obtaining their privilege. Whatever reproach has been cast upon them, not a man of colour was introduced leaving the opposition to avail themselves of this advantage as undoubtedly a black female had been introduced at a former election. This day did not give the success expected & the Rep. Ticket fell short in a very few votes. This animated another attempt with sanguine hopes of success, especially as some persons offered for the List had been refused. The Caucus this evening was most zealously attended with great hopes of success.

12. The adjournment came. The Reps. had left the Moderator. But this day with uncommon energy they left the opp. at a distance in the minority & obtained their whole list. The general ticket gave a great majority but the Opp. were divided upon their ticket which left many scattering votes. The great zeal of the occasion was attended with no disorder & the Reps. were satisfied with the event of the day. All Monday was spent in chusing a moderator, & this day in chusing selectmen, Town Clerk & Assessors. The citizens had worked too hard to discover much of the joy of an unbroken victory. We are to have numbers on the morrow.

14. The event of Tuesday induced the opposition to withdraw, so that the Republicans had the entire management of the affairs

of the police. The Moderator withdrew & another was chosen & the other town officers were elected & the meeting adjourned till next Monday week. It has been said that all the police officers will resign who were in the opposite ranks, but of the more moderate it is left at their discretion. Many threatenings of removals as usual & such things as irritation will produce. No signs of triumph upon so great a change have appeared by any public act.

15. More quiet than was expected. The Opposition had their own Moderator & counted their own votes without interruption. In regard to the police officers who could not control the relations to the State, no unkind temper was shown. The change was unexpected but the domestic effects at present, kind. A foolish man being asked how the expences were paid answered from Government & this gave an opportunity to circulate among the ignorant of a party some scandal.

17. Sunday. Note. Hanna Allen, d. of youngest child, pr. for Husband Henry A. missing. This day news came of the husband & from his letter it appears he sailed 12 Feb., from Norfolk, Commander of the Ship Stranger, for Boston. After 2 days had a gale from N. E. & the Ship proved leaky, next day spoke the Ship W. Penn, was obliged to abandon & reached Charleston, March 5. The ship went ashore near Cape Henry & part of her cargo has been saved. Dr. Prince of Salem having lost his son Henry, abroad, Dr. Ware, Pr. of Divinity at Cambridge, preached for him & Dr. Ware spent the evening with me with Mr. Abbot of this town. John Endicott, æt. 77, with a numerous posterity, has died on the patrimony left by the old Governour & the spot on which he actually made his first settlement. John of the fifth generation, was a man of athletic figure, but he had not been so discreet as the rigid temperance of his ancestors would have commended. He was in no respect wanting in strength of body or mind, or of patriotism.

In Salem it is said 90 persons have had command in voyages round the Cape of Good Hope. Since the peace few have returned from these voyages & only one to any other part of the United States. It is remarked that of all our great towns Salem is that in which Indian Missionaries are least encouraged. The convictions are generally against the plans proposed & the present expediency of the attempts upon our social & political consideration. In the late revolution in Salem Police, the Town discovered its sense of the majority respecting the late Sabbath Law our late half taught politicians gave with only one exception, an Andover vote in the Leg. They have been taught better since. But in the choice of Tything men persons were chosen who could not be suspected of any wishes on any account to a rigorous execution of the Law. All the persons took the choice different. A Physician

smiled only. An old Sea Commander who never goes to worship, took the oath. Another was mortified because he had been laughed at for signing the petition. A Tradesman who had said all he could say about religion took this opportunity to be affronted. Upon the whole the matter was not discretely or politically managed. A citizen was obliged to declare in the Gazette that he did not in the town meeting nominate Dr. Worcester who has been very busy in the Topsfield Convention in favour of Sabbath Acts & holy Tything men.

19. We had a snow storm which continued all day & gave more of the appearance of winter than we had seen through the season. B[rig.] Gen. S. Derby has advertised his House for Sale in Barton Square. This family has lost its influence in Salem & perceives it. E. H. Derby who lost his very excellent Hot House in the Hail Storm has offered the care of his farm to a Tenant. He complains that he lost the Lynn Side farm belonging to the Browns from the art of one of the Fitch family, by which it has descended to the Allens. We are told that the Son of W. who intended to pay off the heirs & take it, will hardly find himself in a condition to fulfil his promises & we may expect it will be sold. His Sister married a Son of Gov. Strong. The farm once the best in this quarter has long been a contrast to the Derby & Pickman farms in South fields.

21. Yesterday went with J. S. to Richard Crowninshield's factory for woollens in Danvers. They say they delay their operations for proper workmen. It is quite a question of their success, not from the undertaking only. The encouragement from Government is recommended by Mr. Jefferson's Letter to Mr. Austin which has been freely circulated. Some domestic history is interposed some say with prejudice.

25. The adjournment of the Town meeting was held but without any resistance. The Opposition has deemed this victory decisive & complete. Another class of Citizens are invited next Monday for State Elections & we may then see what will be done. The anticipation is from the challenges to be given of qualifications.

28. This night we had an alarm of fire. It was of a house of two stories in Bridge street on Skerry's lot having 4 rooms in front, small. The alarm just after eleven but from some cause the building was burning till two in the morning. Nothing did honour either to the zeal of the citizens, the abilities of the firewards, or the judgment of the Engine men. The house belonged to W. Obeur, lately separated from his wife, intemperate & lodging alone in this building. Public opinion is not favourable to him. The house was mortgaged & the wife refused to sell. A widow Brown loses by this destruction, & Knight.

29. We have an interest in the Caucus of this evening. For the first time I have seen a Song composed to be sung on the occasion, a stage for the Orators & Actors engaged. It has more of system but we hope more of interest than at any former time. The Ward Committees have done their duty. The Lists have been made out with confidence & our Citizens take a responsibility honourable to them. The Overseers of the poor have reassumed the antient policy of the town, to relieve partially out of the house of Charity rather than exclusively in it as good economy, as one dollar a week will save them a certain care of a family of seven or ten. The Schools will not be instructed contrary to the spirit of the general Government. We have many advantages of which we are for the moment sensible.

31. Sunday. Note. Martha Chard, d. of Brother T. Masury, pr. Sons at Sea. Th[anks] one son returned.

April 1, 1816. Our meeting for choice of Gov. &c. Much done on both sides but no serious change on either side. The associations have been preserved, but the influence of a prosperous cause is better than many arguments with the many. We had a general quiet. No disturbance & our Selectmen unnecessarily gave up some privileges which the opp. would never give & might have been mischievous. The majority about the same as at the last election of Police officers.

2. We learn from Newbury that the New Meeting House just beyond Newburyport at Belle Ville at the north end of the street was struck with lightning & burnt down. Since I came into the County, about a mile above was a meeting house in which Mr. Noble preached called Grasshopper plain M. H. It was suffered to decay. Afterwards this meeting house was erected in a good style & Mr. Miltimore was installed, from Durham, N. H. Our Overseers of the Poor have a weekly meeting at the Court House. The arrangements of last year gave great offence to the poor as a sudden change from the indulgence they had formerly received. To avoid frequent applications at private houses & for a more central meeting than the Charity house this arrangement is made.

4. Our State Fast. The Republican Ticket does not run well & there is nothing feels it so sensibly as the people. The Congregation was thin & what is worse the contribution low. If it be not helped it has not been so low for twenty years. The Belleville Meeting House being lost by lightning, the proprietors represent that it was built in 1807, & land & house cost 12,000 Dollars. Nearly one fourth remained on hand when it was burnt. They say that a full portion of the loss in the great fire of Newbury Port fell upon them. They wish to rebuild, but as the greater part of the society were mechanics they cannot succeed without assistance. Their Minister James Miltimore they call their aged & beloved Pastor.

5. Finding Mr. Woodberry in one of the Western lots of Windmill point, making a Landing, said for Lumber wharf, I was desirous to know the former condition of the town in regard to Mills. Traske, at his mills on North River in 1640, was obliged to leave a passage for a Shallop at half tide. In 1712, he had leave to move his mill down to Spooner's or Symond's point. In 1713, Mr. Higginson was refused liberty to put a mill at Winter island. In 1733, the wind mill was brought from Elder Cop's hill in Boston, near where I lived, & Mr. Clough came with it. Mr. Gardner had leave next year, 1734, for a mill over Forest River, which now stands. In 1759 was a petition for the south mills in South river which obtained but the absence of the records of this period has concealed the history of the event. Before this time their last mills were established. Mr. Needham succeeded Clough in the charge of the Windmill after 1740, & Hooper succeeded him. The mill was useless after the South mills were established. Needham held one quarter of the property & took the mill house & a lot for it. Northey held the remainder when I came to Salem in 1783. Westward of Skerry & the potter's field & planter's marsh was the house near Locust street since so called, in which lived Lemon's heirs & which belonged to Jeremy Neal. Sarah Smith, a maiden, lived at the bottom of the same street. No other buildings were upon the mill lot. Needham bought for 18£ the lot south of the Road & west of Winter St. bounding upon Chever. He sold one lot to his Brother Daniel & Edmund sold part of another front lot to Peter Barras, now held by Capt. S. Endicott. The corner on Oliver Street he still holds for his Outhouses. It seems that at an early period Mr. Curwin was allowed to improve land in this quarter but I have not the history of the transfer having not yet seen the deeds for which I shall make enquiry of Northey's heirs.

7. Sunday. Respecting the Belleville Meeting House, Newbury, it is given that the Lightning struck it at 4 P. M. while most of the Male Citizens were busy at the Election of Gov. &c. The Lightning passed down the steeple & divided when it reached the house carrying the fire to both sides of the building & the wind carried the flames into the body of the house. The parish engine was small & little water near, but what the rain supplied, so that the bellfry where the fire first began to rage could not be reached. The Cushions, books & some of the windows of the lower story were saved. It was thought one of the handsomest meeting houses in that neighbourhood & had not been standing long enough to suffer any decay. The greatest concern seems to be for the Pastor, since the building of the house was deemed unnecessary & only in anticipation of a prosperity which they probably will never reach.

8. Conversing this day with Mr. Northey he says his Father

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CAPT. SIMON FORRESTER.

1746-1817.

From an oil portrait in possession of the Essex Institute.

purchased the Wind mill of the mill owners after they had sold the mill house & lot to the river westward to Needham. They held only part of the land. That the rest be bought of Judge Lynde. That Hooper & his Father kept the mill after Needham. That what stopped the mill was the planting of the Locusts in the field around. That it was all one mass of uninclosed moveable sand. That many years ago his father attempted to manure & fix it. That the south mill was older than he was being 75 & before 1740. That when a Child the mill House appeared old & was kept by Osborne. He confirms what Edmund Needham on the spot says that when Northey purchased, Watson, Diman & he thinks Saunders were Mill Owners at Windmill point. He remembers Jeremy Neal but nothing of Judge Lynde & of the first claims.

9. In conversation with Edmund Needham, 80, on the spot, & B. Chever, over 70, heir to the grounds, I find that the whole lot from the Common belonged to the old Judge Lynde. That he sold as far as Needham's to Chever. His sons S[amuel] & B[enjamin] & S., wife of Joseph Pratt, possessed what he left. In his life time, for 18£, he sold to E. Needham or rather sold to Lander who sold to Morgan of Beverly, who sold in Chever's life time to E. Needham. E. Needham sold the lot bounding on Cheever to his Brother Daniel, for £13. 6. 8 & Daniel bought his southerly bounds from Chever. B. Chever, the son, sold the intermediate lots to Hovey & Brown who built upon them & also to Judge Story south of his own house. Pratt sold to Wright & Wright to Scobie. And the western length of the lot is now with Judge Lynde's heirs, Olivers, upon Oliver Street, excepting the front Lots belonging to the two Whites. The Miller Needham, named Daniel, his father Edmund & the present incumbent Edmund. Robert was the name of the Mother's father, Robert Bufum. The Mill owners who set off Needham's lot made his longest lane east & west & after some questions it was settled when Edm. N[eedham] came into possession. The whole Lot therefore was Judge Lynde's. Northey bought Sara Smith's land & gave her a living in a house upon his lot. Fiske's heirs bought of Lemon & Putnam now holds as heir to Gen. J. Fiske. Hon. B. Lynde died Jan. 1745, æt. 79. His Son Judge L[ynde] inherited the estate & it fell to Judge Oliver who married the daughter. The mill house was one & an half Story & the present kitchen was a barn adjoining the house. E. N[eedham] raised the house & built the part which makes a right angle with the southern end.

11. A succession of events has directed the public attention to the fate of a family of Forrester. He came an Irish lad in service to W. Harthorne & afterwards married his daughter. By uncommon success in business he became one of the wealthiest

men of the Country. I knew him above 30 y. ago & visited in his house. He was a man of business, of strong passions, & such a man as his condition might readily form. Upon his prosperity he became intemperate, & severe in his family & irregular. But his wealth gained him suitors for his daughters, first, a young merchant, then a young Doctor, then a young Clergyman. One of his sons leaped from the windows of a Cabin into the sea. Another has died this day in fits after a few hours illness. He has two sons left, one at sea. The whole excentric.

14. Sunday. In Salem, the alliance formed by the Ep[iscop]al Deacon* with the unhappy but rich family [Forrester] of Ap. 11, is a subject of much conversation. A. says, a Wolf in his flock. The Ep. D. says, the woman, not the wealth. Capt. K., a poor girl for her piety. The Ep. D. has been excentric, a bankrupt, a Vendue master, but is called a great Ep[iscop]al reader.

15. I have seen Capt. W. Fairfield who has returned from a six year's voyage in Europe. Capt. James Fairfield has returned having been detained sick in New York. The great activity of Commerce at New York has opened an intercourse that before the last war was hardly more free with Boston. A Voyage to New York was seldom known & almost always a detached thing. But now it is common to have it included in the voyage, to make it the port of sales & to have part of the respective firms resident in that flourishing & fast rising city.

16. Mr. G. C[rowninshield] has returned from his excursion. His taste & education found little to love in the wilds. At Pittsburg he saw commerce stopped. At Cincinnati, again, but he soon hurried to New Orleans. A Voyage up again was not in his thoughts & from N. O. he found a passage on the Atlantic to New York home again. An adventure to which with his immense fortune he had assigned many years he finished in a less number of months. And tho he left Salem as if he should never return & stopped at Lynn to know whether he should [be] welcome, yet we hear nothing of evacuating the shores of the Atlantic for any present prospects belonging to 22 hundred miles of inland navigation. So ended the Western Tour, of which enthusiasm has nothing to record.

21. Sunday. Note. Isaac Oakman & wife, him sick in the Charity House, æt. 71.

22. Visited in my morning walk the square laying between Mill street, High st. the Pickering Hill burying ground & the Mill pond, vulg[arly] called Roast Meat hill. It was a mere pasture when I came to Salem. There is now a Twine factory & about 100 huts and houses for Blacks from the most decent to the most humble appearance. I found few out at sunrise & such as I saw

* Thomas Carlisle, afterwards rector of St. Peter's church.

were quiet & well clad. Mrs. Mins keeps the African School in this quarter. It is properly our black town, but too many marks of poverty in such a town not to indicate more the poverty of education, than of means. This evening I took Coffee at the Neck Farm. It is actually conveyed to a Mr. Duston for 3500 D. The possession of Col. Higginson, of Capt. Ives, the two Capt. Allens, &c. is now in the hands of a Butcher of Salem market, from Danvers. His industry is laudible but the residence of taste ill befits a man who neglects his person & calculates only on the humblest means of turning his property only to have more of it. The present tenants wait their orders to remove, if they cannot make terms with the new landlord which it is not probable they will be able to accomplish.

23. I passed to South fields to see the Vessel, about 200 tons, building by Mr. Fabens. I went down to the point & found a path & breastwork round to the cove near Chisholm's ropewalk & cross to a Street which cuts at right angles the road above Briggs' ship yard & in another perpendicular to it & parrallel with the old road I came into the road of South fields by [Enoch] Dow's brick house & above the junction of the road leading to the bridge & the Mills. I found the cross roads had several buildings. Three vessels are engaged in Salem to be built this season. One for G. Crowninshield, one for a Company in a Liverpool packet, & another for P[ickering] Dodge in the merchant service.

24. I requested of the Farmer at the neck that the portrait of Capt. Allen might be given me & his daughter Orne consented & it was sent to me. In the evening it was reclaimed by the daughters & afterwards by a note of apology by Mrs. Orne. I had cut it down to separate the injured parts but must return it. On the back was written Capt. Edward Allen, Merchant of Salem. He came to America from Berwick on the Tweed in 1757 & in 1759 married Ruth, the widow of Israel Gardner, daughter of Gamaliel Hodges & sister of the wife of Richard Derby, in his times the greatest merchant in Salem & Father of the late Elias Hasket Derby. In 1778 he married Margaret Lockart of N. Carolina & died 27 July 1803, æt. 68. Nine children survived him. A most worthy man.

25. Yesterday was published the new list of police officers. We have gotten the day like Esqr. Pulling's negro before Justice Ward when both parties paid 4 Dollars. The Club has one of their members in the Board of Selectmen, five out of seven in the Overseer's board & nine out of fifteen in the School Committee & these are the only offices which control the finances of the Town. Well done, Judge. This is better than salaries for the H[ouse] of R[epres.] U. S. & lose the Bill for the Judges in the Senate. Who would not prefer the other list to this upon every consideration

of talents, virtues or common honesty? But we have done good to others, if evil to ourselves.

26. Mr. Emerton says more have died this year from the Poor House than has ever been known in so short a time. Chiefly aged & persons long infirm. Mr. E. has concluded to give up the keeping of the House & Jesse Smith, lately a Captain in the Merchant service, has consented to take charge of the New House whenever opened. The tenant Whittemore, at the Neck Farm, has actually removed & another tenant has taken possession. He expects to receive company in the summer & seems disposed to oblige. He calls himself Welles.

27. News of the d. of Mr. Isaac White, Tallow chandler of Boston. His father removed in the siege of Boston to Salem & the family was in Salem when I came to it. The Son married Bickford, whose mother married a Palfrey & remained with us some time. After the d. of his father he removed to Boston, bought Bradford's house, Corner of Cold lane, Hanover street, & had a store head of Long wharf. He has left a wife & two Children. One daughter. He about my age. Also H. Haskell, at Newburyport, she a Silsbee, long a Widow & afterwards married a 2d husb. of the same name, æt. 71. She was a Sister of Nathaniel Silsbee, F. of the present N[athaniel] W. & Z. Silsbee, Merchants of Salem. The husband of the deceased a true N[ewbury] P[ort] man in both Creeds, but rough & rude.

28. Sunday. Mary Hutchinson, d. of her Sister in Law Jerusha, Wid. of Deacon Benjamin Trask, at Boston, formerly of Beverly, æt. 80. Another instance of the Longevity in the family of Deacons.

29. I went this morning to see the Elephant now on a visit to this town. I went in the morning when I might examine him without any of the tricks he has been taught to play. I saw nothing pleasing in the form or wonderful in his endowments. His surprising volume will be contemplated with astonishment. His place in Creation is yet to be assigned. Mr. Dane told me he had seen an Ox of 3 th. pounds who was a much nobler animal to survey but that enormous volume did not give but half the weight of this Animal tho it gave $\frac{3}{4}$ of its height & not much short of its length. The Elephant is 13 feet round the body. What must our mammoth be?

30. The Conversation upon a Central Spot in the Sun which was seen distinctly upon the emerging of the Sun from the haze at $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour after sun rising.

May 2, 1816. The young females, unmarried, in my flock presented me with a Silk gown for the pulpit & all the things appertained already made at an expense named as 60 dollars. The young ladies whose parents were my benefactors through them

were 28 in number. Mrs. Dunlap was pleased to obtain & superintend the making & purchasing at Boston & her Daughter & Hanna, d. of B. Hodges had the principal care of the subscription. The making was ten dollars. The sum said to be collected 60 & four dollars left were employed to buy 2 pair of worsted hose. The whole was so done that the first notice I had was the actual delivery of the Gown by H[annah] C[rowninshield], the daughter, who was in the whole secret of this transaction. Well done.

3. I learn that Capt. Jesse Smith, named as Domestic Overseer of the Charity House, last Friday had applied for the charge, but that the late Overseers had applied to Mr. Upton of Southfields & the present Overseers had concurred in the same application & from his son I learn that he will accept the trust whenever the terms of service & the proper discipline of the House is settled. Dr. Stearns, sued a few years since for a riot, has at length been fined for calumny of a citizen, whom the G. Jury found guilty of perjury so far as to give a Bill from which he was acquitted. This shameful transaction is before the world. I am sorry to learn that one of my own pupils on the Bench encouraged such a verdict. S[tearns] is rather a timid man. The other, an ignorant tool of a party employed in their humblest errands for whom they had no higher honour than a town watchman & scavenger. This day the Gazette threatens to notice the representation of this affair in the Essex Register. The Opposition ticket in Salem has as its head Joseph Peabody, first Merchant in property in Salem, but Esq. E. tells me that he says he was not consulted about this matter.

5. Sunday. Last week we had a new religious phenomenon. The Society of Free Baptists, which had a humble origin in the Eastern part of the town, found themselves at length able by the help of a branch of the Webb family, of the same family which gave existence in Salem to the Close Baptists, to prepare an Out House for their worship. In this they followed their neighbours as may be seen in Benedict's History of the Baptists in Salem. According to Benedict, the winter of 1803, 4 the Baptists met in a private house in Salem, being few in number. In April, 1804, Mr. Bolles had a place provided to preach in, since known by the name of the Baptist vestry near North Bridge & on 9 Jan., 1805 they became a Church & opened their Brick house of worship June, 1806, 72 by 62 feet on a lot of 100 by 250 feet at the expence of 16,000 dollars. The Church has upwards of 300 members & 130 were added in 8 months in 1809. This account printed in 1813. As far as I recollect the Close Baptists had hardly planted themselves before the Open Baptists came. They have had a slower progress because they have had the enthusiasm not persecution of their own denomination to overrule. As few felt the difference the greater number & the wealthier had the say. The Open

Baptists took their form from Elias Smith, who had much more talent than the other sect could display & by the help of his Gospel Herald, & his two penny pamphlets, which were altogether his own & a strict union of republican opinions with his doctrines, he held the ground with a very poor class of people. They at length prepared a place of worship in English street. After trusting to lay & visiting preachers they assumed a higher form under Elder Jones, but he soon found that the means of support were mean. He went & what they could do from the first impulse of zeal they could not continue. He was succeeded by Elder Rand, who had a better prospect from his unmarried state but he soon formed connections with a d. of Amos Lefevre & nothing but marriage could satisfy him & a seperation ensued. They then continued as Benedict calls it in a social state, till lately Mr. Howe, an exhorter, came among them & it is this man that Elder Smith has ordained an Evangelist by permission at the Baptist Church held by Mr. Bolles' Congregation. They have applied repeatedly for the Branch Church near the New Burying Ground, north of Brown street, but have as yet been refused from their present inability to give any security, as this house built for Mr. Spaulding, has for some time been unemployed. Elder Smith preached on the occasion & chose for his Text ii Cor. iii, 6. Able minister of the New Testament. He observed at the beginning that it was of the New Testament, for one was enough for him. This singular man took care to speak his political opinions freely & to declare in favour of unqualified republicanism. He is no Trinitarian, no Atonement man. But he admits the passions freely enough for all the popular doctrines of feeling which admit impulses, convictions, instant conversion, & public baptism. I have not read his book & I have not hear him preach, but I believe the above is not a misrepresentation. I have not even seen him. This day Brother Howe entered upon his public functions & baptised by immersion eleven persons before a concourse greater than Mr. Bolles had ever assembled.

6. Was our General Election of Representatives, and we fell short of all our hopes. Of the Voters of the past months above 150 were absent from the polls. The general pretence was the dislike of the List, & it had not high recommendation. But other causes powerful enough for jealous & narrow minds existed to prevent their services to the best of causes which is lost by intervening objects, as all our fears make us quiet, if we can put the smallest thing before it. The first thing & greatest was we had assured them they should get Mr. Dexter as Gov. & they were deceived. They know little of the organization of any other part of the Government. They see the Executive power & feel it. The S. Club had seperated them from their friends & this Club had its own Meeting, first in a Club room or Office & since they had gotten

the Post Office, in the apartments of that office. They had gotten all the offices which commanded the town affairs 5 to 7 & 9 to 15. And had many of their members in this list 5 of 11. The most active members of this Club were withdrawn from the list by fear of the public jealousies which had been expressed & which had changed the nom. of Dexter, when Gov. Gray had been invited. Col. White's d. had withdrawn his friends from an active part at the polls & Capt. Dodge's sickness, who was in all the offices, had kept him out of sight. Endless preferences were indulged. The Opp. saw it, & without any consultations put their richest merchant on the List without consulting him, & selected a number of quiet citizens unknown in public life, & regarded for private virtues, rejecting all who had given offence. In this pressure of circumstances, the loss of the Gov. was the chief cause of ill success. It had been said that the old threatening had been made to withhold employment from the republicans, but this had its effect in the full extent of it in the greater part which were already in the ranks of opposition, & had been tried as far as it would go already. The Votes were Rep. from 659 to 693. Opp. from 729 to 741. A wretched falling off.

7. Our May Military Day for examination of arms. On Sunday last died after 4 P. M. Col. Joseph White, æt. 35. This young man was Son of Henry White & was patronised by his Uncle Joseph who has no children. He was a young man of high relish for social life, & has long been paying for the freedom of his pleasures. His death was from some obstructions in the throat. He was generous & hospitable & had received many public honours having been a Representative, Col. of Salem Regiment & in Naval affairs. He married a Sister of Judge Story & has left several children. He had the peculiar affections of Mr. Bezel who had been in office in the Dutch possessions in Batavia, & was brother of the German Math. Professor, has the guardianship of his children. As it was a military day the funeral was attended by the military gentlemen.

9. We were surprised by the news of the death of Mr. S. Dexter who had been our candidate at the election of Governour. We had the report yesterday from the New York papers, that he died at Athens in that state, at the house of his Son. That he arrived on Tuesday & died on Saturday. Of the concurring causes in the event of last Monday's election, I find that the friends of Jesse Smith withdrew because Upton was appointed in the care of the New Charity House. That Capt. Ropes friends withdrew because Col. P. Putnam had an appointment in the Custom House that Ropes sought.

10. We lost a worthy Citizen, Butler Fogerty. He was with Hon. W. Gray as Clerk when Mr. G. accumulated his great wealth & has since been a Merchant in this town. He was an able

Accountant, & kind of Standard in Salem at a time when our greatest mercantile transactions were chiefly in the manner of Masters of Vessels, either barter or ready payments without regular books. He was a firm man & of good habits, but as an Accountant the best in my times. Till lately these have been solitary attainments. Mr. Greenwood had a reputation before him. We have now no person in competition with him. Mr. F. was 68 years of age & died very unexpectedly. He was from Ireland, but came early to America.

12. Sunday. Notes. Elizabeth, W. of G. Hodges, d. of eldest Child, husband at sea. G. Hodges & wife, d. of G. child, Son & brother at sea. Dr. Harris with me from Dorchester. It was a very stormy day & few people abroad at public worship. He informs me that Mr. Whitaker, Son of the late Dr. W. of Salem, has made himself uncomfortable at Sharon, that Councils have been held & advise a separation.

16. Yesterday I was in Boston upon the subject of the removal of my Sister Dawes with her husband to Walpole. My chief concern is the care of my Father. As I have no confidence in the man, I know not whether he intends to cast him upon me, or what. Events must explain. In Boston I had to visit the Custom House. I saw the India Wharf, the Centre Wharf, & Long wharf & returned by Summer Street & Winter street & Tremont St. to Cornhill. As I went up by the market I viewed the ruins made at the northern part of Cornhill to prepare for the new Street. I visited also Bowen's Museum, & saw his collection of paintings. His articles in natural history were in confusion. The whole had no claim upon the man of science but as assisting to form the public taste for such collections & for such contributions.

17. A Josiah Dow from Wakefield, N. H. came several years since to Salem & from small beginnings distinguished himself as a Shop keeper in linen & woolen goods. But the sphere was too small for him & he left for Boston. He has there occupied the first place & has done much business. He went to his native place & founded an Academy, kept a great number of Clerks, & lived in high style. He has now closed his doors. Such a measure is ominous, particularly to those who know Col. Archer who did the same thing at Salem, & perished in his folly.

18. Saw for the first time my new Landlady Wells who succeeds Whittemore at the Neck farm under the proprietor Dusten. We had better times than before & things were in better order, better provided & in better style. I took coffee providing in my usual manner & upon the old terms.

19. Sunday. Notes. John Peters & children, d. of his wife. She Mary, d. of Jonathan Archer. Jonathan Archer & wife, d. of his Sister, pr. for son at sea. James Archer & wife, d. of his

Sister. Wid. Sara Millet, d. of her Sister Peters. Samuel Skerry & wife, d. of her Sister Peters. W. Cook & wife, d. of her Sister Peters, Pr. for a Br. long absent. Sally Richardson, d. of her husband, pr. for Brothers at sea. Mr. Richardson of Hingham preached with me on Love of God & man & of Love fulfilling the Law. He came with his wife & tarried with us. Our neighbour Mrs. C. accomodating them. We hear that the association of Members who had left Dr. Morse were to assemble in the new house they had purchased & that President Kirkland was expected to open this house for worship in the present Sunday. Charlestown in my day had one congregation, now four & the seeds of future seperations. They were always the Beverly of Boston. It is rumored that Mr. Hurd of Lynn would quit his present station for this new one to be offered him. It is said that he is not paid & that his neighbour Frothingham will be obliged to quit his present claims in Saugus & depend on a Voluntary contribution. In Salem, the Free Will Baptists had an Immersion which attracted after service a multitude, but not equal to that of the last exhibition.

20. A Town Meeting was held to hear propositions made by the Derby heirs respecting the sale of the flats & wharf for a Market laying below the late site of the Mansion house of E. H. Derby, removed with a purpose to build stores & open a street down to the lot offered to the Town. The Want of a Market house & square is confessed from the present manner of keeping it in the open street which passes through the Town. A Committee is chosen to report on the subject. The new poor house being a great expence all difficulty on the subject arises from the accumulation of such expences at one time, & in the present state of Commerce.

21. Dow's failure is still a theme of conversation. The embarrassed state of the Banks in Boston, after all their boasts of paying specie, has lessened the comparison between them & their southern friends. It is confessed to be a time in which little money is circulating & the great influx of foreign goods has embarrassed the Merchants. When was the time free from complaint. The season begins to open.

22. The County Lands in Salem from the removal of the Criminals to the stone Prison are offered for sale this day in Lots, with the Buildings as they now stand.

26. Sunday. This day upon Music to urge a Contribution but with little success. Sermons 3489, 3490. The one to enforce independant purpose, & the other to exhibit the deep interest of the subject. A rainy day & cold produced between 41 & 42 dollars. Our Low Baptists do all the labour, the High expect to reap all the profit. Most of their late gains this way. We do not hear much of their success in Lynn as yet. The Methodists are more

than a match for them. They are louder, more ceremonious, more accomodating, & so forth.

27. Joseph Peabody, merchant of Salem, permitted me free of expence to put two boxes in the Ship Janus, John Endicott, Master, for Pr. C. D. Ebeling, Hamburg. Mr. P. received my requests with great attention & my obligations should be remembered.

28. The usual preparations of Election. Few Families have more than tea parties among their kindred, no uncommon dinners. The usual amusements are of children, to which toward evening their parents lead them. Gardner's wooden horses at Skerry's point near the Beverly bridge on North river, is the most noted. The repast I anticipated by going in my walks to the spot & buying the 3 cent cakes which he makes special for the occasion. Every other house in the vicinity of the town has a like entertainment with a small beer, other ales & every little shop supplies the usual luxury of these cakes for the repeated calls of their customers on such occasions & for the distribution which families make in honour of the day. We have departed little from antient observances.

29. Election Day. Went to Boston in company with Judge White of the Probate, Dr. Prince & Mr. Abbott of the Clergy, D. Pickman of the Senate, J. Prince of the House, Mr. Orne, &c. Upon reaching Boston I took my walk upon Hanover street over the ruins by Brattle Square to Cornhill across the intended new Street, then to the Market across Court Street to India Wharf & Custom House, then by Purchase & Essex streets to Orange street, then passing the New Market & Water street to Pleasant street finding three new streets on the south western side of the street entering it, pursued my route along the shore to the new route entering upon Cambridge Bridge, then to Leachmore point or Craigge's Bridge & for the first time saw Middlesex new Court house & Prison & the new Bridge from the Penitentiary in Charlestown to the Craigge Bridge & Court house & accomodating the road to Cambridge avoiding Charlestown neck. I then passed to Barton's point & the Charity house & called upon Isaac Smith, my Tutor at College, now Chaplain. I had a considerable walk with my former master John Tileston, who still keeps the same Writing School in which he taught me when at 7 years of age upon the same spot & establishment, but in better apartments. I also met my old Latin master Mr. Samuel Hunt, who has been removed from his age from the Public School, but is now prepared to go to Lexington, Kentucky, & leaves for that place next Monday. Among the passengers I found my old Chum Dr. Freeman & my Classmate Homer. Admiral Coffin, their school classmate, was with them from England. Of my other Classmates I saw only the two Porters & twenty four of us are living, & eleven

have been ministers of whom nine remain. As President Kirkland was to preach I attended the Sermon. Republics had no share of his favour. Dexter was mentioned but dishonoured. Napoleon closed the discourse. Every respect was paid to Gov. Strong, to Lt. Gov. Phillips & to their friends. Upon the whole it had many insinuations. After sermon I returned to Salem having paid the usual visits without any new occurrences. Some thought the number of Clergy in Boston upon the occasion small. I thought in the Old South the usual number appeared, tho I saw but few abroad. The number of members who attended was small compared with antient times, but as I have not been very attentive lately it was not easy to fix any late comparisons. Gov. Strong came with Sheriff Bradford long before the Assembly came & sat alone in his seat for sometime in the primitive manner. I thought business less interrupted this day than at any former time tho probably my range was not the same on such days. I nowhere saw it suspended but at the Custom House which was closed as on Public days. The greatest fears expressed are from the uncommon importations, which we can hardly meet.

June 2, 1816. Sunday. Note. Benj. Kitteridge & wife, d. of her Mother Nanne Pellet of Brookfield, æt. 59. Her father still living. B. K. & wife both came to Salem from Brookfield. Last week at Lynn a Council gave a dismission in form to Mr. Hurd, the Minister of the first Cong. Church. No Objections were made to him as Dr. P. of the Council assured me but a complaint of their embarrassed affairs. Indeed for two years they had not even chosen a Collector or made any provision for their Minister. This is the fourth since my day.

3. The new Gov. was escorted from Medford to Boston by 380 horses, 10 Carriages & 30 Vehicles. He was in his military uniform. This day H. Dearborn takes command of the Artillery Company, said to be its 177th Anniversary. This is the day of the greatest parade & the best time to show the Governor to the Children & people upon the Common & to favour the many who calculate upon spending their little donations in the tents of the Cake & Ale women.

4. Was our Town Meeting upon the Market. The Committee reported in favour & the rich generally were indulgent to the plan. A few persons opposed but the report was generally accepted. That is without any payment to be given, a portion of the ground in the center of Derby place if a Market house & Town Hall be erected in two years. The building to be 40 by 100 feet, expence reckoned 9 th. dollars with a vote to hire 12 thousand. Committee for building J. Peabody, J. Ropes, W. Peele, J. Crowninshield, J. Waters, J. Punchard, W. P. Richardson.

6. Died in Salem last Monday, of fever, Abel Winslow Curtis, Schoolmaster, æt. 42. For several years he has kept a School

in Salem for private scholars, & his wife, a female school. She a Cranch & sister to the wives of Dr. Peabody, & Dr. Pickman of Salem. The number of persons in the character of Instructors of youth in Salem has been great. I know nothing of his talents or of his success. The East School opened & repaired, so that the whole School House affords one room.

7. Visited the Woodbridge house, said to be 140 years old, to view Holliman's painting. He died about 1744. The great south-east room is pannelled on the north side around the fire place. The ground is variegated white & black shaded. The pannels brown framed in white. Above in the chamber the ground white & red variegated shades, frame & pannel as below. One beam till lately covered by a closet exhibits all the beauty of this man's colouring.

9. Sunday. Note. Elizabeth Oakman, d. of her husband Isaac, aet. 71.

10. The timber is preparing for the Brig to be built below Crowninshield's wharf. Anything that looks like employment is welcome. The Complaints are as great as before the war & some say how fast we become like Ipswich. We have no farms to depend upon as has Ipswich. We must go to the fishery or to Manufactures or both. The alarm from spots on the Sun proves the small progress of science & of the advantages nominal science has over superstition & prejudice & ignorance.

11. Capt. John Osgood owns part of the Potter's field & in digging for the Cellar & well of his House found the curb & cellar of the former building to which John Massey deposed 1697 as standing in 1660.

12. Saw on the neck for the first time Rock Splitting at the great Rocks near the Causeway, neck side. First, an entrance was made by a long handled pick much like that used upon mill stones, squared to a point. Then the holes were made by a flat chisel tapering to a point. Then the wedges, four inches long, were put in between pieces of iron hoop & drove home by a large iron maul. At both splittings the wedges were driven only twice & caused a fracture of more than two feet square in the hard black rock of the neck. The person at work said the Danvers rocks were not so hard, & did not make that ringing under the chisel which he called like pot metal. In few seasons have we heard more bitter complaints against cold weather than since June has come in, tho the winter & the whole season, if I may judge from the woodpile, has been as moderate as I have ever known. We shall soon hear complaints of heat.

13. Our fishermen have had good fares upon the Banks but think as something is always wanting, that they should have done better had they been permitted to fish nearer the shores. Five fishing vessels with 40 hands including men & boys returned to

Province town, point of Cape Cod, with 1000 quintals each. Marblehead begins to revive & having a staple will out step us in Salem if we do not move quicker, says the people of Salem.

14. Saw a rock near the Causeway to Winter I. split the length, 17 feet. It was a part of the same huge rock I saw on Sunday last. It is now nearly demolished.

16. Sunday. By Mr. Crowninshield I find the Chaplain of the Senate esteemed. The Ch. of the House, a Baptist. Upon the d. of a late member from N. C. he expressed his doubts publicly of his salvation. It is said this gave some offence but was attended with no measures.

17. We have the keels of three Vessels in Salem & one is ready to launch. One of them is at Crowninshield's East end & the other two in South fields. We have had several arrivals at this port from Europe. Some repairs are begun on our wharves. Our Fish market is better supplied. Our new market house to be & our new Charity house & the beginning of real estate to rise again give some courage to our Citizens.

20. One Vessel launched in South fields. Two frames up in the fields. Becket preparing for a raising. Mr. Morgan tells me that Mr. Bowditch & Pr. Farrar are engaged to supply means to regulate the Boston time. We have generally found it a quarter of an hour slow of Salem time, & the Gentlemen of Cambridge have found the inconvenience in attending exercises from the difference in the Clocks between the two places. The old man who keeps the Old South Standard clock insists that he is right.

21. Was at the Bark mill on Danvers line. The stones move as a Grist mill stones. Are as well opened as Mr. G. F. did his stones for grinding Chocolate. The bark is broken by an iron about one inch square which is fastened into a beam passing over the eye of the stone & it descends within one inch of the horn & within one inch of the side of the stone & the meeting between the horns, the eye of the stone & the perpendicular iron, a simple experiment, answers all the purpose of feeding the stone. The furrows are deeper than for grain in the stones & they require to be picked about four times a year & not oftener. Dr. Kitteridge gave me a plaster for a strain upon my knee & it kept its place four months. Taken off this day.

23. Sunday. Note. Mary Crispen & children, d. of her husband William Crispen. He was a son of Madam Swasey, by his mother's side, who died at set. 100 & his wife a Dawson. A noted Rigger. It is presumed from some internal injury. He had kept a retailing shop & interfered in a dispute & was thrown down & trodden upon in consequence he discharged much blood from the mouth. It is not improbable this was the cause of his d. after six weeks confinement & great internal pain. Bp. Griswold gave a Sermon in Salem, on Tuesday, ord[ained] Deacon Edwards at

Marblehead, Wednesday. It is rather a reproach to our Bp. that Conn. refused him & all N. E. accepted him. But Silver & Gold he had none & Bp. Hobart had better talent & much more money.

25. My old tutor Isaac Smith with me. I was his freshman at Cambridge in 1773. He went to England & afterwards returned, then was at the Byfield Academy & now Chaplain at the C[harity] House, Boston. My Masters Tileston, & Hunt yet living. My School Mistress, Madam Jenkins, died after 96 y. of age. Mr. S. has the marks of age upon him. He graduated in 1767 & probably is 64 years of age. Madam Jenkins lived with her son in Law next door to the North School, Boston, when I kept it.

26. 42 Marblehead Vessels with $\frac{2}{3}$ million of Fish.

27. Yesterday Capt. J. Crowninshield dropped 1000 D. in bills wrapped in a paper with his name. The Bills were declared lost by the Town Crier. A Mariner named Pierce who found them returned them in the state in which he found them & received gratuitously 40 dollars for his honesty & as an encouragement to the same disposition among his neighbours. I have since imagined this account may be a little qualified as the man kept the bills till he found it was known he picked up what J. C. dropped & did not return them till after delays & without the name.

29. The three Sons in Law of Richard Derby, Prince, Crowninshield, Gardner, have died within one year & all have been at or over 80 years of age. Dr. Prince buried yesterday.

30. Sunday. Notes. Hanna Rowell & family, d. of her d. Schetzwell, aet. 31, pr. for son supposed lost at sea & for her husband absent. Such a case Extraordinary. Her Father W. Becket died on 1783 after having confined himself for many years to his house from hypochondria. He was a corpulent man. His wife now living at 88 years of uncommon activity, a Murray, has been long subject to periods of derangement. She is now actually of a sound mind & an intelligent & very agreeable woman. Her Eldest Son has had his spells but is now in his shipyard. Her second son has long kept house. Refuses all fire, will not leave his chamber or shift his cloathes or bed unless obliged to do it. Her third son has nothing remarkable about him. Her d. Brown has long been in derangement. Her d. Hawkes & Sloacum remain steady but neat, & so her youngest d. Leach, but a little yet, Hanna has been near. Lately buried a son entirely gone in madness, now a daughter, & the remaining six, to say no more, exceedingly excentric. This is the only branch in which it has gone to the third generation. Her son absent, sailed with Capt. Sinclair from Portsmouth in a privateer & is yet unheard of since the first prize arrived. Her husband, from domestic vexation,

has gone to Maine & has been absent nine months. Not heard of for six months. John Cook & wife, death of Child, suddenly. He is the only son of Wid. Keen. His wife, a Peatfield, her mother long in the family of Joseph Vincent, senior.

In Salem, notice has been given of a Sunday School for the first time at the vestry of the South Meeting house. Such a thing is not absolutely wrong but it will counteract the political end it was designed to serve. The strong hold of our New England Sabbath, as it was called, has been the domestic restraint which has accompanied it. We hardly looked out of windows. If we may go out upon one pursuit we may upon another, or if we go out upon the best errands we lose the domestic association with the exclusive devotion of the day. We have lately had a street preacher who at last in answer to insults went to throwing stones. He was soon in the Work house but is liberated & haunts a house at the Bridge from which he pours out plentifully his prayers upon the passengers & the children around him. This evening was married the Incumbent at St. Peter's, Mr. Carlisle. He has taken the youngest daughter of Capt. Simon Forrester, an heiress. Never has so much pomp been displayed in the marriage of a Clergyman in Salem. A valuable House belonging to Gen. S. Derby was purchased & the furniture was of the most ornamental & expensive kind.

July 1, 1816. The question has been basely agitated whether a person in Deacon's orders could marry as the Incumbent Deacon has done. The English Statute of Ch. II. says in England a man must be in Priest's orders, but the Council of Trent provides that the Incumbent can perform this service for such is the Parochus. In our country tis not a question how a man comes by holy orders, but whether he be so inducted into a Congregation as to be the real incumbent, or the actual minister of it. And if the Bp's licence in this country is thought regular by his Canons for his authority, if any question of the form be made no toleration can exist. Our first ministers were inducted by a public act of the Congregation. It is said the Lawyers had given an opinion against marriages in Deacon's orders & have induced the vestry to confirm their judgment, thus error is confirmed by assumed authority.

4. Anniversary of national Independence & of national hopes & glory. The Officers of the Regiment & such met at the Hotel in Lynnfield for a public dinner. As the Chaplain of the Regiment I went with them & made an address. A. Dunlap made a course of toasts which were read & shouted. Brooks & Parsons & Dexter came in for a share of praise, with a sufficiency to make the whole go down. We went up by Boyce's over the Butt brook & came back by King's through the rocks. A celebration was at

Beverly & at Marblehead, but nothing in the town of Salem but the field parade of two uniformed companies, the Artillery & the Light Infantry. In the evening Rockets.

7. Sunday. Notes. David Magoon & Children, death of his wife, she Sara Hitchins. Abijah Hitchins, d. of his daughter & son at sea. The father of Mrs. Magoon, son at sea. Thomas Magoon, a twin brother, d. of his sister in law. I could never distinguish them. In the last hours she was induced to admit the fanatics, but she did not long survive their visits. While any hopes of life remained she was firm, but her friends were slaves of superstition around her. The fanatic ventured to tell the history of her conversion when I was present & the procession forming. Another association is formed & displays itself in this vicinity. It is for Church Music. It made its appearance publicly at Lynn, just at a time when Lynn was in trouble. Dr. Worcester, the patron of Andover, took a conspicuous part on this occasion & the next display is to be at Salem. Mr. Spaulding still hovers over us. He is in town from New York state. A union of our Baptist societies is contemplated.

8. In passing to Beverly on Saturday, I observed a Vessel on the stocks on Beverly side near the Bridge, almost finished & above 100 Tons. The Master Builder from Ipswich. Our four Vessels, one at Becket's & the other three in Southfields, two of them at Briggs, & the other near S[outh] Bridge by Barker & Magoon's, are said to be specimens of excellent ship building. It is said that more of this work is going on in town than for many years & in superior execution.

9. Walked in Company to Pickman's Farm to spend the afternoon with Mr. Upton, the Farmer, who is engaged to take in charge the Town Poor House. This farm was formerly raised to some consequence by the Old Col. Pickman, & was a small parcel of land with a Farm House which one Daniels occupied. Under Boynton it became more considerable, but under the present tenant, Paul Upton, it has received great improvements, while the Owner, the present Col. B. Pickman, about 70 y. of age, has been adding purchases from the neighbours & from the great Pasture so that now it is extended to 500 acres. A farm of this extent in a Seaport is no ordinary occurrence. But the excellence is the great order upon it. Nothing is splendid & nothing neglected. The buildings are all neat, but in the highest degree convenient. All the conveyances plain, but in a very extensive variety. The number of Hogs an extraordinary sight, as also the poultry & other stock of Cows, etc. But above all, the Horticulture. A large growth of fruit trees, but the present farmer has not yet completed his 13th year, & a superabundance of Currants, &c. promise much to future years. But the Cultivation is the most

happy I ever saw. Whole acres of onions laid out in wide beds & in parallel lines with a considerable rise in the beds, with trenches in every direction. The articles for the market, beets, parsnips, turnips, carrots, potatoes, as well as luxuries exhibit a scene which bids defiance to anything in the County of Essex. Fifteen of his Currant bushes would give him a barrel of the Currant wine which he can sell freely at $1\frac{1}{2}$ D. a gallon. The only additional expence is in the sugar used to correct the acidity. Mr. Upton tells me he has built above a mile of stone wall since he has been on the farm & that he finds half the farming utensils & half the stock. His walls are the best I ever saw & his roads have no example of like success in their construction. The Old Plaisted farm, now Allen's, Lynnside, has degenerated into a common farm & the Brown farm near Castle Hill, which has a proud ornamental garden, is receding from its splendour. It never came in competition in the part which Mr. Upton took in a garden for the market.

We passed from the farm through Marthebeque along the new ditch of the swamp made in the time of getting peat from the Meadows in the late war to Coy pond, but not having worms for our bait & no proper fishing tackle we had little success. A few breams & shiners told us that it was not want of fish prevented our sport. I found my old friend John Prince had built a small house on the Silver Hole farm & had leased it. Old Cato remained but complained of neglect & the neighbours justified him. He said his old master had recommended him to go to the poor house in Marblehead. Esqr. P. is exercised as it is supposed that his affairs are not so flourishing as they had been. A Miss Townsend keeps a school for 25 children in this neighbourhood at this house. We returned by Legg's hill road to Salem. Coy pond is lowered by the drains several feet.

10. Our National Celebrations the Theme. In Salem, the Infantry had a dinner & the Artillery a supper. At Beverly, a public dinner & at Marblehead, a supper.

11. Visited yesterday my old favorite Nahant which I had not seen since 4 July, 1814, two years, an absence much longer than any I had allowed since I knew it. I found Prince's new House at Silverhole, Marblehead, in my route. W. Phillip's eastern end of his old house taken away & the western repaired and another house on the point, now three where only one stood at my first acquaintance. Wood end quite enlarged. The Friend's Meeting House rebuilt & to be finished for the Quarterly Meeting of next month, the old one sold & removed. Another new house upon Great Nahant in the Lane to Breeds. He gave me an account of the Hurricane. It killed for one year by the salt, all the great pasture at the heads, & the trees of the whole swamp still dis-

covered no sight of verdure at a distance tho he thinks the trees will recover as the pasture begins to renew itself. One of the willows near the house took a new position. No loss of buildings & no hail. He says that the sea appeared in wonderful agitation, & the spray was furious. We caught only a few small fish. Found the Lobster nets around Nahant as at our last visit. We passed from the Bason to Shallop Cove and round the great head. Fished on the island of the Swallow rock, visited the S. Rock repeatedly & passed through it. Went over the western beach to the edge of the Swamp & returned by the Willows.

12. This day I amused myself with the sight of the Animals exhibited at the Sun [Tavern]. The Tyger is a Lordly Animal & was in perfection. The Buffaloe has not the beauty of our Ox. The Guanico between the Camel & the Deer families, may have fleetness but no uncommon interest. The Six Monkeys seemed to make themselves much sport together, & the Dogs danced, but this had little spirit in it. The Monkey seemed to care nothing for liberty or for a home. He was supplied & it was enough. I love to see such things in the style of nature & asked for no pranks. The Ant Bear sat quietly alone in a posture which discovered he thought he could chuse a place which might suit him better. B. says the Wild Guanicos are stronger & more active than the domestic, live in herds, & have great swiftness. They are hunted for their flesh & hair. Of the Hair the Indians make cloth.

14. Sunday. The unhappy man, W. Obear, who had separated from his wife & lately had burnt his house in Bridge street & who had long lived in habits of intemperance, but never had a common share of talent, tho a full portion of malignity, put an end to his life by hanging himself on a tree near the Hospital. He was discovered at two o'clock but it was not generally known in town till after service. The Jury gave a Verdict insane, & the body was brought to Capt. Joseph Lambert's, his Brother in law, with whom he took his last meal. This man borrowed of his Aunt Knight, a poor widow, her all, 100 D., for which she had his houses as security. As he was Episcopal by education application was made to the Incumbent of St. Peter's but he refused canonically the service of burial, & as his parents lay in the churchyard even this was refused him to be interred with them. Thus Church against Law. A detestable Superstition.

15. Several small failures, but great things in Salem, supplied a topic for conversation. The terror of Imprisonment is over & the business which once gave great distress is now consummated by closed doors & then a list of Assignees. It is a general confession that the Banks cease to discount because their Bills are instantly presented for specie & upon the best authority

I am assured the Banks in Salem have not one quarter of the sum in circulation they have had at times since their establishment. Many fears are expressed for the harvest & political reasons are employed to agitate the public temper.

16. The Town has taken resolutions to clear the Common of the present poor house. About one thousand dollars have been subscribed to assist the town in putting a fence, planting trees, & the Town has given a sum with the buildings to assist in this laudible design. The plan of the Market house is in great forwardness & the necessary preparations have actually been begun.

18. Widow Mary Rantoul died in Beverly, Wednesday, æt. 61. She was a Preston & married Robert Rantoul. Her eldest son is Representative of Beverly & her only D. is a widow of a Dr. Peabody. These her only two children. She had left Capt. R. above 30 years. Since she married a S. Very from whom her kindred obtained for her a divorce in an extraordinary manner. The foolish man consented to be found in bed with another woman before witnesses. He now lives in quiet reputation with a large family of children, too small to be reproached. On the same day a child of Revd. Abbot's of Beverly, was drowned at Beverly wharves.

19. Was at Wid. Rantoul's funeral. Dr. P. of Salem officiated at both funerals. Visited the spot where fort Derby once stood on the western side of the town passing Rantoul's & opposite to Butt Point. Upon my return I passed in a road north of the Fort lot, & came through the fish flakes to the wharves & so to the bridge. Several bars & gates & openings admit the passing of the footman. The sandiness of the way does not make the passage a favorite to the traveller who can pass in the street.

21. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Lambert & wife & family, d. of her Brother W. Obear, the unhappy man who hanged himself last Sunday. Not being capable of burial canonically, he was delivered over to us. As the S. of N. said to Judge S. So poor W. O. who hung himself because he had nothing else to do, is to be left without a grave for his body, or a canonical prayer for his soul, & his worthy relations are to double their grief by insult added to calamity. Ah, says the Judge, we wish not so. So the Laity excuse their slavery in America. Besides Mrs. Lambert, W. O. leaves a worthy sister, Wid. Hall, with children.

Rebecca Preston, d. of her Husband's sister, Wid. Mary Rantoul. The funeral service was transferred by the right of the Parish Minister to the person who officiated at the funeral of his drowned son. Whether this is to be attributed to the Minister altogether or to any other concerned, is not important to know. R. Preston's husband is at sea & Child, youngest, in an Atrophy. Wid. Elizabeth Bartlett, d. of her youngest child, pr. for one of

her own sons at sea & a son in law. This widow has lately come from Marblehead that her sons might work in the Rope walks. The family name Bartlet gave distinction to the long beach on which the three towns of Salem, Marblehead, & Lynn meet on Marblehead side, but the family has lost all the distinction it once held.

In the Social world another suicide event has been in the County. True Kimball, who was in the next class at Cambridge & grad. 1778, has put an end to life by hanging. In the same year in which I was ord. at Salem, 1783, he was ord. at Newbury, Newtown, so called. He remained in his charge till 1799 & then resigned. He always appeared excessively bashful, had no elocution, no form to recommend his person, & nothing popular about him. He had a people the least inclined to be indulgent to such a man as the late ejection of Mr. Hubbard has proved. Mr. Kimball crossed the river into Hampstead, N. H., a few miles, & was there a Magistrate & Post Master. Unoffending, & yet esteemed, his end is known.

22. Our neighbours of Beverly seem to have dropped quietly back into the fisheries again. I saw several fields replanted with flakes, which had been divided for house lots. Marblehead is content with its staple & has done well, so has Gloucester. Some of our down hearted friends tell us that Salem will become like Ipswich, with little trade, a good old name, but nothing less than a Commercial settlement. Yet it is confessed that Salem collectively has more wealth than it ever had, but more equally divided, & more than any such portion of the population has in the Union.

23. The British talk of indulgence to us upon the Labrador shore. I am in favor of accepting any privilege in America, even at the pole.

27. In the Custom House Boat went with H. C. & H. H. on the Beverly Shore to Father Pride's just within Swett's, now Hooper's Farm, formerly used by Hovey for entertainment & at the western end of West Beach. Mr. Pride is just after we leave the entrance to W. Beach farm going westerly. We found a comfortable farmer with about 40 acres, half of which might be tillage for the homestead. Everything indicated the exact state of the County before the revolution. We returned with high winds & by the help of our oars about 8 in the evening, from showers.

29. We learn that the Elephant exhibited as a Curiosity in this town lately, was shot in open day by a villain at Alfred, Maine. We have such wretches in our country who have all the lawlessness of our Savages & a full share of them in Maine. It is said the pretence was that money should not be raised in that

way in that neighbourhood. Even in Salem it has not been uncommon to deface what appears to have been a display of the taste & elegance of the Town as of private citizens. The Hospital on the neck has been wantonly abused as the Health Committee say in their advertisement. The monument on the hill has been repeatedly pulled down. Fences often daubed, &c. We believe our manners very correct generally, but we have Savages still.

30. Hon. W. Gray in Salem lately observing upon the complaints of the times in Salem, lately said, no comparisons could be drawn between the wealth of Salem when he came to it & its present situation. Concluding that for our population we had as much commerce, wealth & industry as could be reckoned as our full share upon the national character. In the list of Delinquents in the Direct Tax only 3 are as high as 10 Dollars. One a widow, the other two Schoolmasters, suffering from their want of economy in their affairs. One of them in the service of the town & the other on his own account but irregular.

August 1, 1816. Jacob Bacon, Physician, æt. 65, who died this week in Salem, was in this town before I came into it in 1783, a practicing physician. He graduated at Cambridge in 1771, & lived in the western part of Salem. Since I knew him I have been doubtful of his habits, but nothing in the interview with him at his next neighbour Addison Richardson's was unworthy of a man of observation & letters. He seems however to have lived in great obscurity, never censured, but seldom noticed on any occasion. This could not be from any part of his personal character but probably from his domestic situation. He was from Plymouth & early in the American war went into the army as a Surgeon. He afterwards came to Salem to the family of a Mr. Bacon who married a Pickering, & lived in the western end of the house of which the eastern end belonged in my time to Addison Richardson. In this family he married the daughter & had a daughter Sally by this marriage who survives him. He afterwards married a daughter of a Mr. Adams who kept a public house eastward of the other house & next to it, & kept this house till his wife died about 3 years since. He has since been not so correct as he ought to have been & was poor.

2. B. Archer's half of the Brick house, Pickman street, sold for 1400 dollars.

4. Sunday. Note. Brandown Sibby & wife, her sick. He a Malay, who married this unhappy woman, descended from one of our old families, a Whitefoot. Brandown or Brandy, as he is called, has the singular method of worship of going in and out at his pleasure. He refuses to let a negro sit upon the same seat, but he will come to meeting with the negroes. Mr. Henry from Philadelphia preaches at the Branch, which is now called a Pres-

byterian Church, which I never knew before. S[paulding] after he went to the southward came back with the name only. Mr. H. says he comes to Salem from the Presbytery & general assembly. Mr. Story, formerly minister of the new Meeting, Marblehead, says Mr. Bartlet, his successor, preached a century sermon, but that the Congregation did not ask it for the press, as the hearers had done the Historical Sermon of Mr. Dana. If it were no better perhaps the loss is not very great.

5. Last Saturday I dined at the Sec. of the Navy's with Commodore Bainbridge & his lady, an excellent woman. Judge Story and wife, Commissioner Silsbee and wife & Col. Harris were present and the wife of Collector Dearborn. We had a very elegant entertainment and everything appeared in the best manner. Comm. B. made himself very agreeable. On Sunday I partly dined with the same company at Mr. N. Silsbee's and the Comm. honoured us with his company at worship in the morning. After tea the Comm. returned to Boston. The character of his discipline was lost in the uniformly good behaviour expressive of the best social dispositions. These gentlemen had been together in the Independence, a ship built under the care of Comm. B. and pronounced the best ship in our Navy if not the best in the world.

6. The Vessel built near Beverly Bridge, Beverly side, was launched last week. We expect many such entertainments soon at home in Salem. We have the Tickets of Day Francis for his exhibition of sleight of hand. His address is in the true stile of the Imposture which he boasts beyond detection. He is the great Emp. of Conjurors. He affirms he has given great satisfaction to thousands & has such novelties as have never been attempted on the face of the earth, & gave an opportunity which may not occur again for centuries to come. The poor Elephant was destroyed in Maine, because he took money from those who could not afford to spend it. We do not know what will be the fate of this man, who appears to have not a very different errand.

7. Ann. Sermon of Salem Female Charitable Society. It was announced Rev. Abbot to preach, children to be baptised, Cooper upon the Organ. The assembly chiefly females.

8. The talk now of getting ready a steam boat to cross the Atlantic. A boat in use has been proposed, but it is now said one will be built on purpose. How Fulton's heirs have been encouraged in Russia, time must settle. That Country may profit much for the steam boat river navigation from the great rivers it contains. A young man of this town made this season the voyage from Boston to Liverpool in 17 days between both anchorages. We shall have short voyages if the Steamboat can hasten the number.

9. Buried a woman who married a Malay, Begoonde Selby

or as I gave it Bunde Sebreh. She had all the habits of the humblest cast. This woman has left six children, two of them by other men before she married the Malay. She a Whitefoot. She was intemperate at last & led him to be so. Our poor in the Almshouse have lived in this brutal way & have boasted that it was worse than it really had become. A separation of sexes is contemplated in the new house. The facts are sufficient to corroborate. The Malay threatens to leave because he says the children born in the house are treated as we do puppies when we have a Dog; we give them away as soon as they are pupped.

11. Sunday. Note. James Campbell & wife, death of her Sister Hannah Whitefoot, alias the wife of Begoonde Sidteh, a Malay who also desired to be remembered. All the circumstances were not pleasant, but nothing like dishonesty. Our young female friends who have made a short visit of a few weeks in Andover do not make very favourable impressions in favour of the Andover institute in that place. The students intruded and some of them without any regard to decorum. As the females were of reputation we might expect that they would be indignant & they were able to answer with discretion.

12. One of the relatives of the family returned from New Orleans by water to Baltimore, & thence home by land. Adventurers in our new Country who go to profit by their labour are very successful. They who go among labourers to speculate, fair very hardly. Such as the hand of Justice does not arrest return much discontented. The expences of New Orleans are not suited to the slow gains & small funds of a N. E. adventurer. Our agriculturists in purpose & habit are quite contented with their choice.

13. At Beverly they have received from the Banks half a million of Fish in 16 vessels. The highest 41 th. the lowest 20 th. Hon. W. Gray is owner of the highest Cargo. In Marblehead they have done well through the past season & are rising again. In Cape Ann both the Bay & Bank fishery good. These the most prosperous towns in the fishery. It has been said that at Halifax, N. S. they talked of sending for some of our fishermen, particularly our Nantucket Whalemens. The French have settled for their little isles & have sent out 4000 men to the Banks this season. The English have repeatedly driven our fishermen from their shores, but lately have been willing to acknowledge some privileges to be granted on the Labrador shore, as I found from some official documents.

15. We begin to talk of Steam Boats from Salem to Boston & from Boston to Portland. They have become of general use in Europe. Nothing is yet visible in Salem. Some greater interest than yet appears must precede such a resolution. We have

voted this week 10,000 D. more for the Charity House, to assist in its completion. The Corner Stone of the new Market house is laid, & the two stores upon Essex street are nearly up. Much earth is removed towards the wharf. In the midst of one of the sand banks was found a portion of the Marsh, said Mr. Willard Peale, as distinct & perfect & with the scent which belongs to its natural state.

16. After the alarms of want the price of Indian corn has fallen in Boston market being at 1.25 Cents a bushel, having been at 1.50. The season at present promises much. The Commercial folks have as plaintive strains as the planters. The last have predicted no crops & the last no markets. The better state of human nature seems distant. The arrival of some damaged hemp has put all the factories in motion again as the best saving is to have it dried & wrought up as soon as possible. Our Ship-builders are engaged & a few upon the Charity House & market. Few Buildings going up. The great influx of foreign goods is yet an experiment. Our E. India voyages the best. Our West India voyages the worst. The coasting trade is as active as I ever knew it. The Banks give new hopes.

18. Sunday. We had an ordination of Williams, Apothecary of Salem, as Baptist Minister in Beverly. The former ministers have left a reproach on the name. Dr. Baldwin seems the only man to make sermons for this sect in New England. They are unwilling to exchange him for any other and yet he has not great honour. The question of Close Communion seems to come unseasonably for the sect in Salem. In the Open Communion, in the Barn in English street, Ballou, the Universalist, assisted at some religious exercises lately. Henry remains with the Branch but the event is still doubtful. Johonnot & Cummings have left Carlisle in the Ep[iscop]al Church & things seem ripening for a speedy dissolution of that Connection. A daughter of Rev. Johnson who joined a Frenchman from Martinico & was afterwards separated from him & returned, who has been paying her visits & lately at Bath, has returned to Salem with all the furor fan. that distinguished her in another furor. She is sure she has found the only true way & there is no other way. She expects to find a home with persons of same profession. Dr. Hemmenw[ay] who studied with H[olyoke] in Salem & married here, after practicing physic, privateering, merchandise, &c. has taken leave of bed & board. We knew nothing but that after *flagrant plus* he has left his wife & children for her relatives. We could expect nothing less from the same career.

19. By letters from Walpole I am led to conceive the condition of my Father to be a very unhappy one. Poverty is the least. The Incumbent is stripped of his estate, the heirs defrauded, the

man abandoned, & the family ruined. I have inclosed the Letters to a friend. Letters from W. B. Fowle, my nephew, advise me not to be too hasty in my conclusions from what is sent me. The conveyance of my F. to a distance may be an artifice like the many which have been practiced at my expense.

20. We now learn that a Massachusetts Steamboat Company actually exists. The members are from all parts of the State. The navigation from Boston to Portland is provided & such subordinate coastwise establishments will be made as experience shall hereafter determine to be profitable. This will probably urge a great care to employ the boats to render the plying regular & more frequent. Already the Stage establishments begin to calculate the effects upon their profits & shares in the Salem & Boston Stages, so long kept by Manning & Co., are offered & advertised for sale. The effects are from so novel a cause that they at present incalculable.

22. We were awakened in the morning by the cry of fire just after 4 A. M. It began in a barn near a Bakehouse, belonging to Jeduthan Upton, formerly in Liberty St. between Charter & Water Street. The barn was near a Distillery formerly belonging to John Norris & now to his heirs. The Distillery was at work & [the fire] soon communicated itself to the spirits, which gave a wonderful fury to the flame. It then extended westerly & northerly to the new & Old Dwelling houses of late Upton & to the range of buildings upon Nathan Pierce's western line extending to the new brick house upon Vine street. It passed Liberty street & took the house bounding on the Burying ground & desolated the whole as far as late Jonathan Peale, now his Son in law John Dabney. It did not pass Water street, as the tide was out, if it had, nothing at the Wharves, Vessels or Stores could have been saved. Such things appeared at the moment of the fire. The fire had its first rage in the Distillery & it closed with the terrific blaze & thick smoak of several hundred barrels of tar in the cellar at the S. E. corner of the Burying Ground at the corner of Water & Liberty streets. The Beverly & Marblehead people gave us seasonable & great assistance. The people assembled very slowly & the Lanes were formed with great difficulty & water was not near. The number of Spectators especially females was such as it ought not to be. As I was in the Lane from the beginning to the end of the Fire, these are not vulgar apprehensions. At the moment of the greatest danger, before any had arrived from the adjacent towns, I saw around me fifty buckets at a time without any arrangement to convey them to the Engines.

23. The Selectmen are widening Liberty street this day. In consequence of the narrowness of these streets we lost so many houses. A walkway for the first time has been raised in the prin-

cipal streets in the eastern part of the Town. Many thefts were committed during the fire & upon the goods transported from the houses which were destroyed. In fact few persons regard the meum & tuum where the law cannot watch them for where is a quieter town than Salem. The report of the Sufferers at the late fire was the following: E. & J. Norris, Distillery & Store with apparatus & stock. W. Ball, House & tenements, bakehouse, stores & barn. Heirs of Nathan Pierce, a Dwelling house with tenements. S. Buffum, His D. House nearly destroyed & a tenement much injured. Large 3 story house of J. Upton with tenements owned by the Bank, with a barn. T. Saul & Martin, Dwelling Houses, one having a Cabinet Maker's shop. Heirs of Stanley, a Dwelling house. T. Parsons, a 3 story D. House & a building used as Shop, above, a Sail loft, below, a Tar cellar. S. Gray, Shoemaker, Shop pulled down. J. Scobie, a Shop partly pulled down & W. Proctor, barn injured. The Brick house in Vine Street stopped it & the Brick stores on Water street. The Burying Ground gave an open space westward, as did Pierces yard eastward. Whole loss carefully estimated, 30,000 dollars.

25. Sunday. A number of Citizens assembled & asked the ministers to notify a Contribution for the sufferers by fire. The ministers did it, but I declined as it belonged not to me to do it. I left it with the Committee. At noon we had notice to recall the notification. I had not to do it. The whole amount of what was lost by the poor, as one of the town assessors told me, 'did not rise to 4,000 dollars. Too small for such contributions.

26. The Visitation of the Schools. It was assigned to me to address & I gave them the history of the New Eng. Schools & the reputation of E. Chever to whom we were indebted. The number of pupils increased, but I fear whether we shall have the pre-eminence we deserve. We can do nothing without genius in the teachers. I hope we have not gotten as far as we shall go. We have more uniformity in the plan of instruction. In writing we are retrograde & probably in arithmetic. Most of the children are not to be understood unless we follow them with a book, so that true elocution is yet to be taught. We need a distinct manner in everything.

29. We have a good account from the fishery & a most excellent time for curing. One Marblehead man said he had 500 quintals & had not one fish injured upon the flakes. If the market is as good as the fare we shall fare well indeed. The Scheme of a Liverpool packet from Salem, we are told is abandoned. The Vessel building for the trade is to be changed into an East India man. Great complaint is made of the West India trade. The Steamboat for the Bay Coast is still promised. In Maine it is a question whether they can assist their commercial

views by the seperation. If the Ocean be still open & the Commerce may consult its local advantages we might imagine the more free the better. The Lumber trade is their own.

30. We learn that the Subscriptions to the National Bank are complete. The agricultural prospects are as good as ever, after all our complaints. In the arts were no exclusive excellence in New England. The Lynn Shoemakers did well till they became great speculators & went beyond the last. The spur on rye has been used to make us prefer wheat to this meagre grain, which is better suited to our soil & seasons. In most of our towns the Cheese is of an inferior quality & unfit for exportation. We have few smoak houses in proportion to the pork we raise. It is but lately we have seen a neighboring marketman attentive to the article of pork & bacon. We promise something like method from the Market house we are building. We have had an uncommon supply of mackerel, of the other fish as usual. Our Beef can be made as good as any in the world. Our mutton & lamb may be good, but we do not always have what we call Hog Island mutton.* Potatoes & turnips good & the vegetables for the table. We notice these things as superstition is very busy just at this time with its alarms.

September 5, 1816. News reached us this day that Capt. Abner Briggs of the Sch. Cyrus, who sailed from Salem in the last week of May, had died at New Orleans. This young man had lately married a daughter of Revd. John Gyles of Newburyport & she is now laying in with her first Child. Several of our young friends have been victims of the fever in the climate of Louisiana. I wrote immediately upon the news, for R. Ward Esqr., from his Son Capt. R. Ward, to the Father giving information of the event. He was bapt. Jan. 29, 1786, and must have been in the 31st year of his age. There were many sons.

6. This day arrived S. Briggs, brother of Abner, & Mr. Giles came to Salem. A large family melting down in a very singular manner. Three Sons & 2 D. are now left. Last Monday was the day for votes in Maine for seperation.

8. Sunday. Note. Miriam Manning & Children, d. of a Brother in Law in a distant town, Capt. Daniel Giddins, æt. 82, of Claremont, N. H., and pr. for children absent. One living in Maine, another abroad. Capt. G. removed from Chebacco 30 years ago. Notice of the d. of Abner Briggs. His father came from the Old Colony & several Clergymen have come from this family, and a family likeness is not lost in all the branches I have known. Muscular, short, round face, impassioned countenance, tenacious & pursuing. I was in a Council at Hingham with J. Briggs of Plympton, since dead, & with E. Briggs of Chatham or

* Sheep raised on Hog Island, in Chebacco parish.

Barnstable, since dead. J. Briggs is of Boxford in this County. Another at Middleborough, Plymouth, another, at Mansfield, Bristol. The father of A[bner] B[riggs] came to Salem from the Town of Dighton & married in 1772 to Ruth Stileman & died abroad, æt. 45, in 1794 & left 9 children. Three sons with us & one absent & 2 D. She died in 1801, æt. 46. Six of the children still living. We are told the Branch have invited Mr. Henry, relying upon his talents to fill their congregation. He has visited the Presb. of the neighbourhood, & has preached at Dr. Dana's & Mr. Giles of Newburyport. They say he has great offers southwards, but prefers smaller, northward. From the multitude of Impressions, he might suppose that we had all the materials for superstition of another name.

9. Mr. David Pearce, æt. 80, was with me & dined. He was from Cape Ann harbour. When I came to Essex he was a rich Merchant worth 1-5 of a Million of D., but by a strange fatality is reduced. Having a benevolence of temper & enthusiasm of religious sentiment he manages with great uprightness & finds friends. His Brother Col. W. Pearce has made a firm with his sons & is in the most flourishing circumstances of any person now remaining in the harbour. When I was first acq. at G[loucester], Col. Pearce lived in Old Town. No person has been settled as m[inister] at Old Town since the death of Rev. John Rogers in 1783. The Meeting H. is kept in repair & is sometimes used for Itinerants. Mr. D. P. represents that Sandy Bay is in the most flourishing state, & prospers beyond any of their settlements. Col. Pearce & Sons have 7 Vessels in trade in the harbour, but not more than 2 Fishing Schooners from the harbour. The Bay Fishery is very successful at Sandy Bay. Such Gloucester.

10. Went with Sec. of the Navy, B. W. C[rowninshield], to visit President Adams. We found him at his son's. He had walked that distance above two miles that morning & got into our carriage & returned with us to his seat in Quincy. His d. in law, w. of Thomas A[dams] we saw. She was a d. of one of my Boston neighbours, a Herod, & a beautiful woman. She has become corpulent. Madam A. has become aged, but still preserves her faculties, with the debility only of a slender frame. The Pr. entered upon a variety of Conversation. He represented all the advantages which Europe could expect from the means of destroying our Union. The character of a State or Jesuits religion. The interest he took in his Son was expressed on a proper opp. given him by the Secretary. He discovered every wish to accomodate & we left him & returned to Boston. At Boston we dined at Comm. Bainbridge's & there had the pleasure to find several distinguished officers of the Navy. We had the company of Captains Tingley, Morris & Warrington. Everything was adapted

to give us favourable sentiments. They withdrew at an early hour to accept a dinner given them at the District Attorney's, G. Blake's. After dinner we had an agreeable interview with Mrs. B. & her family & in the afternoon returned to Salem. The horses of Mr. C. performed the journey of 50 miles in & out with great ease & returned in good spirits.

15. Sunday. Notes. Susanna Richardson with her children, d. of her g. d. Hanna E., wife of Henry Allen. Her d. married Capt. W. Allen & had the education of the deceased Hanna. Susanna was d. of Walter & Sus. Palfrey & is 74 years old living still upon the Hardy estate, bottom of Hardy st. below the Meeting house. W. Allen & wife & children, d. of their d. Hanna & pr. for her husband Henry absent, W. A. from Manchester. Ruth Porter with her Sister, d. of her Brother Henry Allen by same father, pr. for Brothers & friends absent. She was the eldest d. of Capt. Edward Allen by his first wife, a Hodges, S. of W. of R. Derby. Narcissa, wife of Abner Briggs, d. of her Husband at New Orleans. She was a daughter of Revd. John Giles of Newburyport & born in England & came not long since to America. Samuel Briggs & wife & Sisters, d. of his Br. Abner's wife & pr. for Brothers absent. Johnson is absent. Jeremiah is abroad. Youngest br. at home & two sisters of Johnson Briggs.

19. Saw last evening 40 Vessels under sail in the bay. The view from the highlands of the Neck. The Lighthouse lately erected was lighted for the second time last evening. I have not yet seen it. A man lost his life this week by falling from the stages of the Vessel building by G. Crowninshield. Capt. John Dennis who died 15 inst. at Marblehead, æt. 77, was Pr. of M. Marine Society & much respected. The many aged muscular men in Marblehead discovers the true character of their employment. No men endure fatigue longer, & have more presence of mind in danger, in things they propose & when under their own command. Such are their habits in the fishery. They have no other authority than from having the same habits & objects. They make often troublesome merchantmen, & they make awkward soldiers. But no men are equal to them in things which they know how to do from habit. None more persevering or so fearless.

20. Day intended for the encampment of the Cadets at Wenham but prevented by the rain. We have uncommon examples of Counterfeiting & swindling. The greatest caution seems to be required in all commercial & pecuniary transactions. In Salem we were never more engaged in public works. The Market Square is beyond any thing ever contemplated in Salem which has never before had any such accomodation, but refused it when offered to them. The Charity House is upon an expensive scale & has already received an additional grant & will need another. The

Roads & unpaved streets have all been turnpiked & supplied with elevated foot paths. We have four Vessels building in the town, very much has been done to reclaim the rough land of our Great pasture & a very large proportion of it has been purchased & united to the adjacent farms. And the public manners are not worse. Fanaticism is our greatest evil. Not so much the extravagance of opinion, as the intrusion of strangers & the indulgence of an idle curiosity which seems not to agree with our old habits, domestic houses & appropriate times of worship.

23. Our Cadets marched out of town to an Encampment at Wenham. This is becoming a fashionable amusement of which the Light Infantry gave the first example. It agrees with the design of a frolick among our young men, & seems a kind of license for their pleasures, which we ought to hope will long be innocent. Whatever it may be it is better they should take the name of military than religious encampments. These Cadets are under young Stephen White. Col. Joseph has finished his course.

24. Thirty three years since my ordination at Salem on this day. This day a public hearing was given to the disciples of Abbe Sicard, the benefactor of the Deaf & Dumb. An invitation was given to the Court House & in this interview satisfactory evidence was given that the subject could read with facility & write an answer with readiness & full comprehension of the question. As the visit to Salem was announced so that I did not hear of it, I was not present. It is said several questions were put which were pertinent, & with the full conviction desired.

25. This day was launched a Ship belonging to Pickering Dodge, 287 tons, from Southfields. Builders, Barker & Magoons. She moved well, but intending to hold her by a rope it broke at all points & she struck the opp[osite] wharf. The keel of another is laid very near & we have two at Briggs' & one at Becket's ready for launching nearly.

27. Mr. Le Clerc, accompanied with M. Gallaudet & attended by Dr. Bowditch, & John Jenks, Esq., came to my house. Le Clerc is the person intended as the Instructor at Hartford, Conn., in the Institute for the Dumb & Deaf. The Company insisted that I should put a question & I gave him this. Did Heinike become satisfied with Epee's method or did a jealousy continue. He wrote underneath "I did not see the Abbe De l'Eppe—but I can assure you that his method has become that of all the Instructors who exist in Europe. England is the only one excepted." He looked around the study & soon withdrew, having engaged to go for Boston immediately. Gallaudet is said to be an American. I was much delighted to see a man who could derive so much good from an Institution.

29. Sunday. Note. William Allen & wife & children, d. of

his Brother Capt. Simeon Allen of Manchester, abroad at sea. He had been out of health & died soon after he left port. He left a wife & four children. Aet. 41.

October 3, 1816. Went with Capt. G. Hodges, Surveyor of the Port, in the Custom House boat to Baker's Island & saw for the first time the New Light House. It is now one light & of the hight of the lower former light. It is not of wood, as the former tower & beacon but of Stone, Conical. The old Mansion for the keeper is to be removed & a new house of only one upright story with two rooms on a floor, cellar & not upright garrets. It has no lights towards the Light house. I traced again the vein of white rock which passes on the eastern side of the Island from the Light to the Spring well when the Island trends more southerly. I brought up some specimens of the rock, a snake & a scate. Upon our return we struck upon the Kettle Bottom & actually grounded upon the bottom south of the southern detached rocks of the Coney Island breakers, & remained upon a solid rock nearly two hours. Mr. Jeffrey said we were safe over the Kettle bottom, which in the neap tide had not when we passed 3 feet, & we found not 2 feet when our boat took the sunken rock of the breakers. I found on the island my old friend Jonathan Henfield, the best man with his gun whom I had ever known. He is on the Island with a Brother in law Chapman, Br. in law of the former keeper Chapman. They hold under Perkins the pilot who at present has this appointment.

4. Our neighbours of Newburyport begin to be in earnest to do something for their own salvation. They have lived upon religious & political rancour long enough. They begin to talk of well doing. The Canal which will give them command of their own river is a serious concern. Mr. Blodget many years ago told them so. He finished the worst part of the work but they paid no regard to him. Their Canal would have been a much greater honour to them than their turnpike to Boston & it would have been much less expence & more profit. In their Gazette they are disposed to quicken their thoughts on this subject. This night died Gamaliel, Son of G. Hodges, & Student in Cambridge.

6. Sunday. We learn that Mr. Henry, who tarried 3 weeks & had a Branch call of 1000 D. from those that could not pay a fourth of it & who was learned in all learning, had 1 th. D. spending money & went about bidding for houses to be covered with Books & Carpets, has told the charge that he loved them, was married & he should not return. This strange adventure with a simple people rather has our pity than our indignation.

7. Mr. Shaw of the Boston Athenaeum says that in the Abeena, Moison, in which I sent my first box to Hamburg, upon her return we lost the collection of Books made by Everett & Tichenor

in their visit to the Continent as well as a Library ordered from that Country by Mr. Jefferson. Whether I am a sufferer I do not yet learn. Great expectations were formed from Cambridge that the Library of that place would profit from the vigilance & discretion of Mr. Everett. This loss will be more regretted as in nothing has the University been more negligent than in the attention to the Library since the revolution. For nearly thirty years its increase was hardly to be observed by a person who had been well acquainted with it before that period.

8. This day was our Military review. M. Gen. Amos Hovey reviewed on Washington Square. The Salem Regiment, with the three companies of Artillery under Col. John Russell in Salem, Lynn & Danvers. The Corps of Artillery at Gloucester under Capt. Pierce was excused on account of the distance. The horse of Salem & Ipswich were also on the parade, as well as the Cadets of Salem under Capt. S. White, the Infantry under Capt. Lander of Salem & the Infantry uniform company from Marblehead under Capt. J. Story. Besides these were two companies of militia artillery from Marblehead. As Marblehead, from the depression of its circumstances, was for several years not required to perform military duty, in place of this exemption the town through the main street was divided into two artillery companies who had no enlistments, but only the enrollment of the militia, & these companies appeared. The whole force was under the command of Col. Russel as the elder officer. The troops were first displayed in Chestnut Street & there received the Regimental Standards. They then marched to Washington Square & were inspected & reviewed. Capt. King directed the inspection. The Officers dined together at the Salem Coffee House upon an handsome Collation & the number was greater than usual on such occasions. They were then escorted to the parade. For the first time the Troops exclusively occupied the whole Square. Three lines were drawn upon the triangular form of the ground, to which the ground more nearly inclines than to a square having its western line by much the shortest of the four & they were equally distant from the sidewalks & rail. On the north side from the west entrance was the Horse, then Cadets, then Artillery on the east line & Salem Light Infantry. On the south line, the Salem Regiment, Marblehead Artillery, & Marblehead light Infantry which extended to the south side of the Western entrance & so filled the whole lines. The troops were exercised in their respective commands & then went through the usual firings, the regular troops most correctly & the militia with good reputation. They then marched upon the Square, giving three lines in opposite directions & then left the Square & passed through the principal Street, & were dismissed at Sundown. Not an accident happened, no party spirit

appeared. Col. Russel having command it reconciled the party to the other arrangements & by uniform consent it was agreed to consider this Military exhibition one of the best ever made in Salem. As the officers were all young in age as well as commission, it was not thought expedient to attempt such military shews of battles & evolutions as might involve danger of great military mistakes. And by this good judgment a precision & an effect was produced which exempted the officers from blame & left upon the spectators the ideas of good order, military talents & of the best discipline of the militia. Col. Thomas Butman, Col. W. Ropes of the Regiment, Cavalry, Jeremiah Peabody & — Cutler. Capt. of Independent Companies of Infantry; S. White, Lander of Salem, J. Story, Marblehead; of Artillery of Salem, Capt. Henry Whipple, of Danvers, Jesse Putnam, of Lynn, S. Batchelder, of Marblehead, John Gilley, Moses Goldthwait.

10. This week was found on the spot on which the New Market House is building in Salem, a mourning ring for the second William Browne who died in 1716. An account will be printed on Saturday the 12 instant in the Essex Register. The words were W. B. Esq. ob. 23, Feby. 7, 1715. The Father W. B. came in 1635 & died 1688, æt. 80. The ring was said to be found at the depth of six feet but in digging it might have been on the surface & have fallen to that depth. Whether it was lost or probably buried cannot be conjectured from the manner of finding. John D[erby], S. of E. H. Derby, shew me the ring & gave in writing the inscription.

14. At the Invitation of S. Pearce, Capt. of Artillery, I went for Gloucester presuming the lowry weather would not be rainy but the rain fell at noon. At Manchester we stopped at H. Lee's & reached Gloucester at 11 A. M. We first stopped at Col. W. Pierce's and received from him the greatest hospitality. The troops had then been on the field for 3 hours & the inspection had begun. After this, from the fall of rain, the troops retired but the delivery of two standards, one to the Sandy bay Infantry & the other to the Artillery, as gifts from the Ladies, first intended for the parade near the New Meeting House, & afterwards accommodated in the Meeting House, drew thousands together. The two young ladies appointed were Misses Low & Trask. Both accomplished young Ladies. Miss Trask having the advantage in her voice, but both recommended by grace & beauty. It was the most interesting scene in a military exhibition I ever beheld. We then retired to our several places of entertainment. I dined with the Artillery in a private house at a bountiful table with music. We then visited the hall in which the Officers of the Regiment had their dinner & heard their appropriate toasts. That from Major King who inspected the troops was good,

attributing to the ladies the beauty of Carthage. The rain prevented any other public ceremonies & well it might. We were then at the height of pleasure. I took tea with the Minister of the Universalists, Mr. Dean from Boston & Mr. Jones, the Incumbent, at Col. Foster's & there I lodged. All well.

15. I passed to the Collector's, Mr. Kitteredge's, at whose house I left my friend, who had spent the greater part of the night at the military ball, at which were 89 ladies & about 40 gentlemen. They were much pleased with the entertainment. So long no prejudices appeared. But the Church & State began to shew themselves in their topics under the mild form of hopes of reformation. But as we had no part in the work we retired most fully assured that no part of New England does exhibit more true hospitality than Cape Ann. We reached Salem at noon. Col. Appleton commanded the Regiment at Gloucester. He is at Sandy bay, from Ipswich, a Trader, & descended from the antient family which does honour to our records in the days of Hubbard & the primitive worthies. I was introduced to the other officers, but no previous acquaintance gave me the power of distinguishing the value of this favour. The Collector & his Wife will deserve to be remembered for their very kind attention on the occasion. I saw my former friend David Pearce, Brother of my Host, once rich, now poor, yet pure & content. I visited my old female Barber, the only one in the town. She inherits her station. She remembered me thirty years ago. The New Meeting House built for 9 years is opposite Col. Pearce's & has a beautiful area before it. It has its entrance on the south & is most neatly finished inside & out. Many new buildings are in the town, but the rain prevented that comparison I should have delighted to have had on the occasion. I had not been in Cape Ann since the funeral of Mr. Rhust. The road has all the attention which County roads receive, but from the irregular & rocky surface nothing but constant expence can render them as comfortable as we found them. Manchester New Meeting House was built upon the same plan with the New M. H. at Gloucester but not finished with the same elegance.

18. Mrs. Rogers present from the Williams garden, formerly that of Gov. Bradstreet, in Essex street between St. Peters & Newbury, opp. Liberty St. were denominated: Ruseten, Oblate figure, russet. Cathead, Small below & indented deeply. Sweeten, Oblate, green. Holland Pippen, Oblate, indented as the Cathead below. Pearmain, Blush on pale ground, long. Greenen, Blush on green, oblate. Summer Harvey, Oblate, punctured green, faint blush. Belle fleur, Oblong, indented fluted at bottom.

Yesterday morning it was discovered that in the preceeding night the Lower Store on the India wharf was broken open &

several bags of Sugar & a packet of Bandana Silk handkerchiefs taken. The thieves entered by forcing the front door & conveyed the goods through the back door to a boat as afterwards appeared. After circumnavigating Marblehead & Lynn Shore, they were too fatigued to pass Nahant & went on shore and offered their goods for sale. Suspicion led to detection and the thieves are in the hands of the Magistrate. They had been employed in unlading the goods & had noticed the place of the best. They violated three inclosures & stole the boat from the landing of Hawkes' Boat builder's Shop, below Derby street & Derby wharf. The Goods belonged to the Silsbee's & had arrived lately from India, 3 Oct., in Ship Herald, Greaves, into this Port. Mr. Greenleaf was dispatched immediately & is still upon the business of convicting them. Several persons have offered Cloathes for sale under suspicious circumstances to Hucksters. A Chemise was left on the steps of Capt. H. Elkins on Wednesday night, wet from the grass.

19. This day at 10 A. M. was launched from Mr. Brigg's yard, Southfields, the beautiful ship Liverpool Packet of 342 tons. She is a fine Ship made of the best materials & built by an able Master Builder under the eyes of Capt. John White & coppered to her bends. She has a patent Perkins pump, & rudder secured or fitted to a round, in which the shaft plays & fills. Nothing was spared by the Company to render her excellent. She moved into the water very gracefully, with a moderately accelerated motion & rose handsomely upon the water without any visible pitch, or any sudden dropping of her stern, when she left her cradle. The day was the finest of the season, & the crowd of spectators great & well accomodated on both sides of the river. Another large ship stands planked in the same yard & another building by Barker & Co., near the Southfields bridge.

20. Sunday. The news has reached us of the death of Col. Tobias Lear, late private Secretary to Gen. Washington & afterwards abroad in the Barbary states as Agent for the States. He has since returned to America & been in some subordinate trust in the Treasury Department, as accountant. Last week we were informed that he left his family after breakfast & retired into another apartment & in a few minutes the discharge of a pistol was heard, which was the signal of the death he premeditated. This is noticed with particular attention as he grad. in 1783 & was in the class under my immediate care & was retained in the adjoining room to my own for two years from the suavity of his manners & the circumspection in all his associations. He was the last man to whom I would have assigned such a fate. He was in the same chamber with W. King who has since taken the name of Atkinson, & has been one of the Judges of the Supreme Judicial Court New Hamp. It has been insinuated that his friend does

not retain his former temperate habits. I never saw more temperate & more promising youth in their manners than these at College.

21. I went to Danvers New Mills to see the Iron Works now at work. At the Mills over Porter's River, called a Spite Bridge, I saw the cutting of dye wood. It is first conveyed to 12 saws which cut horizontally by water & then from the stones by a broad band upon which it is turned by metal buckets disposed so as to pass round it. In going from the stones it is fed by hand, if needful. In the same building is a Mustard mill, which has been erected for some time & several other mechanic operations which will deserve another visit for a more full examination. I returned to the Mills upon Cow house river at Waters Bridge. There I saw the furnace & rolling Mills. In the southern house the nail machines were at work which cast & head at one operation. Four kinds I saw, the Double tens, single tens, clap board & shingle nails. I returned on foot in the evening enjoying my walk & highly gratified with what I saw at the mills.

23. Four times this season I have been called to public notice. Once on 4 July, with Military, in Sept., by School Committee, at Gloucester, at ded[ication] of Colours, now with the Antiquarian Society. Subject: the Mercantile character of the first generation. We in our own way, after the choice of officers, proceeded to admit a great number of members, with the pretence of enlarging our friendships. Then the wonderful mummy from Kentucky was introduced & the discoverer declared it was not his purpose that it should be exhibited for pay. After dinner we passed to the Chapel in School street & Dr. Harris read prayers from his own manuscripts. After the exercises I walked to Cambridge & passed the night at Judge Winthrop's without any other visit.

24. I spent an hour in Judge Winthrop's Library & another at the Botanic Garden belonging to the University, under the care of Mr. Peck. I then availed myself of the civility of Judge Winthrop & rode with him to the Bridge called the Middle Bridge to Boston over the Charles & for the first time since the leading off bridge to the point of Charlestown, & passed the new Middlesex Court house at the Cambridge side entrance of the Bridge. I dined with my Brother & returned to Salem in the Stage. In Boston the New Cornhill proceeds with great progress in the buildings.

25. Appearing so often I have been troubled with the opinions of anonymous letter writers. One reminds me how much I owe to the new scheme of propagating the faith by bibles & missionary & instructive schemes. Another tells me what I am worth & what I am not worth, & another writes to me about Indian names he

knows not. We must leave the world to put their own value upon us, but be sure not to deserve to be miserable & to have no evil from our own fault.

27. Sunday. In the past week died Isaac Story, Esqr. He was a son of a member of our New Brick Church in Boston & Brother to Dr. Story who married a Ruddock of Boston. Dr. Pemberton, our Minister, preached his ordination sermon at Marblehead tho he refused to receive him as his Colleague. Let no man despise, &c., was the Text. Mr. Story continued at Marblehead in the ministry for many years being a successor of Mr. Bradstreet & having married his daughter. But his singular eccentricities rendered it impossible that he should maintain his public ministry & he was persuaded to resign. After his resignation he attended in St. Michael's church with the Episcopalians & entered upon some commercial speculations with success & accumulated some interest. This success led him to his native place in Boston, to which he removed. But the commendable discretion of his wife & her excellent character led her to return to Marblehead & at this town her husband died æt. 68. Not long before his death he was at my house & from some cause or other he was not far from a state of actual derangement. He had in his early ministry much popularity but little gravity in his deportment. His zeal never had the least affinity with piety in his manners, but his people were pleased with the animation which always appeared in the pulpit. His wife is a woman of a thousand, & might on no account fear a comparison with any of her sex. He has left several children & the daughters have the most of the mother but not the same. It was concluded to give him a lay funeral.

28. We have confirmed the death of my Old Schoolmaster Samuel Hunt, Esqr. æt. 71. He died on 8 September at Lexington, Kentucky. He was for many years Preceptor in the Grammar School in Boston. In 1767 he succeeded Master Peleg Wiswall who died that year aged 84 & continued Preceptor of the North Grammar School till the Revolution. As Master John Lovell retired to Nova Scotia, a Refugee, upon the evacuation of the Town of Boston by the British Troops in 1776, Mr. Hunt succeeded him & I united with him as an Usher, as his health obliged him to journey. Upon his return & establishment I went and opened the North School in 1778 which I afterward left & went to Cambridge. Mr. S. Hunt continued till 1804, giving 37 years from his induction. He had not the critical acumen of Chever, nor the talents of the Physician & divine which united with the eloquence & science of Williams, nor the Literature of Lovell, but he was successful in teaching the rules he adopted & preparing his scholars so that they were distinguished by the extent of their elementary knowledge. He was too apt to com-

plain, when all were obliged to suffer, & alienated the men who succeeded to his old friends & had no estimate of his worth or his services. He was obliged to resign to a man who did not long hold the public favour. The School is now reestablished & an elegant building erected. The experiment is to be made, whether the reputation of this first of Schools can be recovered.

31. Busy with our elections. The Story party were determined against the Crowninshield party and as no correspondence at present existed between the Sec. of Navy & John, John the Democratic candidate would not have two thirds of the votes. The interest then nominated N. Silsbee, who had not the energy of the party, but was on that account less odious to the Demi & other Opposition men. On the other hand T. Pickering, the late Sec. of State, Senator, & M. of C., had been so little guarded as upon no one account but upon some account to all exceptionable. He still retained his will to be elected, but his friends, finding that their party would divide, were obliged to tell him through his son John that he would not obtain the election. Then the party was in confusion. Five Candidates were named. Dudley Pickman, Son of W. of the most distinguished talents. J. Prince, son of the minister, who had some popular favour. A Mr. Pierce, a young lawyer of the town, son of a rich merchant. Mr. Hooper of Marblehead, to give them a turn in office & Mr. Stephens, Merchant of Beverly. We are told the last has obtained the nomination. More perhaps to give the towns a turn than from any special claims of the Candidate, who is better known for his zeal in the Hartford Convention affair & his general good behaviour, than from his education or information, beyond the business of a good merchant.

November 1, 1816. We had the Caucus of the parties in Town. Andrew Dunlap, son of James Dunlap by Sally, D. of Capt. R. Stone of Salem, has just entered upon the practice of law having finished his studies in Salem. He has all the rapidity of eloquence belonging to the Country of his Father & not intimidated by the rules which party can give to hold things in its own power. His Father came to America not thirty years ago with this Son & his family, as a Brewer. The Son established himself at Salem as a Tallow Chandler & then removed to Boston as a Merchant & died. The Mother with a Son & daughter returned to Salem. Andrew was educated at Cambridge & graduated in 1813. He was three years with Mr. Pitman in Salem, since removed to Portsmouth. Has been received at the bar & has opened an Office in Salem. He has undertaken with all his might. Is Secretary to the Republicans. Writes for them & acts for them. He promises much if he continues as he has begun from his talents & acquirements.

3. Sunday. Note. Eben Stodder & children, d. of his wife, pr. for a Son at sea. She was from Hingham as was he & both from antient families in that place. She from the Marsh family. After the Baptists came she allied herself with that sect & never worshipped with her husband. This is a case in which domestic inconvenience attended opinion. They were both brought up in Hingham, went to Boston & from Boston removed to Salem. They were educated under Dr. Gay & the husband retained the effects of his education. Mr. S. remembered the Capt. of our Ward, son of his minister, Capt. Martin Gay, absentee & Paddock of the Artillery, H. Knox, afterwards Gen. of the Grenadiers, & Josiah Waters, Capt. of the Infantry.

4. The day of our Election of M[ember] of Congress. Mr. Silsbee had a very handsome majority & yet it was known that 300 republicans were not checked on the list. The truth is that N. Silsbee has not been in the pay of opposition & perhaps will not be. The other party were as related in their zeal as his apparant friends, for it was still doubtful with whom the nomination may have originated. We had no contention on this day, the town being quiet.

5. Supreme Court in town. Before the Court will be the case of the Union Marine & Fire Insurance Company in Newburyport. It seems this company was formed in 1807 among Republicans & that James Prince, Esqr. obtained the incorporation for which he received a donation of plate. That in 1810 the other party took the entire direction of the Society making one Capt. Stephen Holland, President, & W. Wourt, Secretary. While in this state the whole stock was as unaccounted for upon the Books & by a rule of Court, T. Pickering, D. L. Pickman & E. S. Rand were Auditors. Their report was printed & from this it appears that all the stock was legally transferred into the hands of Holland & Wourt, that said persons became agents of the Hallowell & Augusta Bank & a Committee was formed. That said Holland was Treasurer, that all payments were made to said Wourt, & upon the whole, as the Auditors report, the Books were kept in a very loose manner, &c. so that from their loose & confused state, from many ommissions & misentries & the general obscurity, it was impossible to make any correct estimate of the deficiency, but from their best judgment from 1810 to 1814, unaccounted for are 2,719 D. in the Corporation Account & 5,180 D. in the H & Aug[usta] Bank account, & this is thought not to amount to the whole sum. It appears upon evidence that said Wourt said he would be accountable when some concern was shewn on the subject. This matter is now before our Court. What is most interesting to us in this concern of our neighbours [is that] all these transactions have been covered with party zeal in Church &

State in a town in which the highest pretensions to sanctity are made in all New England. The State of the Accounts alone may be reckoned a crime in such circumstances & breach of trust. The pamphlet is in 12 pages & contains the documents with the report.

7. On Tuesday, a Ship of 370 tons, owned by Joseph Peabody, was launched at Briggs, South fields.

8. At our Supreme Court now sitting at Salem, Eight persons have been convicted of Offences, seven for theft & one for counterfeiting. The two thieves who took goods from the Crown-inshield's wharf & carried them to Lynn are condemned to 7 years hard labour in the penitentiary.

10. Sunday. Notes. Retire Becket & wife, d. of their only Son. Retire is son of William who died 1784. His Son William sailed in the war from Portsmouth in the Brig Portsmouth, John Sinclair, Commander, & has not been heard of for two years. With him sailed Jesse Kenny, another youth of the same age. Both really promising & both about 21 years of age. She a Swasey. Widow Mary Becket, d. of two Grandchildren & pr. for G. Children at Sea. Wid. of Wm. One was the above young man & the other James Rowell, son of her daughter. The two absent are Samuel Rowell & David Brown, son of Capt. James Brown who married another daughter. Rowell was in the same vessel with Becket & Kenny. Wid. Hanna Cottle & children, d. of her only Son. This Jesse Kenny by a former husband. Wid. Hanna Mascoll, mother of H. Cottle, d. of her G. Son, & for son in law at sea. Thomas Robbins, 1808, who married her Dr. Mary. Nathan Blood mar. her G. D. Kenny.

14. I spent at Court to attend the re-hearing of the prosecution of Brown ag. Stearns. This affair begun at the annual town meeting in 1812. At this time S. was prosecuted for a riot. He was designated for his property, being the most inoffensive man in town. Among other oaths which we might not expect but from party for I regard nothing said in them as I saw much on that day, one from P. Brown, who is a man without property or intellect but of a persevering servile temper & a fit tool & not of good habits, charged Stearns with being in the street at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 P. M. when news of the Sheriff's arrival was brought & that S. then said he cared nothing for the Sheriffs. S. could prove he was at home at the time & therefore could say no such thing at that time. After the first fury had spent itself S. had B. indicted for perjury. Brown recovered after having been acquitted, 1,200 D. for character & in the present case 500 D. A mere cover of the expences of the party for it is not believed that B. can or is obliged to pay anything. At this hearing, my pupil C. Jackson was on the bench & I had never seen him since he had taken his seat. He had been virulent at Ipswich. The Solicitor General proposed his defence of S. upon the ground that he was not the prosecutor, that the Jury finding a bill was a

presumption of probable cause & that the evidence was very inconclusive of the fact in B's evidence. He conducted well. He was answered in behalf of B. by W. Prescott, another pupil, but chiefly to reconcile the evidence. The Judge put aside the argument from the prosecutor or the Bill. He said the evidence of B. had been supported by several witnesses with a great disagreement of circumstances. He confessed the nearest point of agreement had difficulties. However, his charge was candid, perspicuous, & worthy of good reputation. The Jury were of the party, & not a man of information among them & they agreed. S. friends tell him that he has struggled long enough, paid thousands & may spend more. It is now apparent how much men's will may be against their integrity.

15. Mr. Ebeling has sent me a box prepared, as the Letter says, in June last. It incloses several parcels for the Hist. Society, Antiq. S[ociety] & Phil. Society, all for which with letter are to be sent through W. B. Fowle to Pr. Thomas, J. Savage & Dr. Freeman. This letter contains information of the state of Europe at that date & the box, some books & papers I could desire to see. By several notices I find he had received my three first boxes, of the two last I hear nothing or of the two later packets.

17. Sunday. Notes. William Gatchel, d. of his mother. She was a d. of Nicholas Lane, lately deceased, of whose posterity by 3 wives, 9 children yet survive. This d. married a Gatchel, & soon after a Buchanan who is still absent, a man of war man. Widow Mary Lane & child, d. of d. Buchanan & pr. for a friend at sea. B. is in the British service. Bells multiply in our inland towns in which they were scarcely seen. Since I knew Salem, 2 bells added. One in Beverly, one in Manchester, 2 in Gloucester, one in Amesbury, one in Bradford, one in Byefield, one in Haverhill, one in Lynn, 2 in Newbury, 3 in Newburyport, 16 in all. Whole number 32, in Essex, so that half are added.

18. Two vessels have lately grounded upon the middle ground & flats near the Haste at the entry of our port. In both cases complaint has been made of low tides & in both cases the pilot has not been in person present. The beacon on Bowditch's ledge has been replaced, but the general knowledge which our seamen possess has prevented that particular knowledge which fits for all times & all places. The history of our tides, of our winds, & our less channels is little known. Twice in our sail we grounded with the Inspector of the port & his two boat[men] on board, all doubting & questioning the precise depth of water.

21. Mr. John Rice, who has lately married the youngest d. of Capt. G. Crowninshield, is to remove we are told to Philadelphia immediately. John, the son, is gone southward it is said with a view to an establishment. Richard, who went to New York & married & became a bankrupt & then returned & erected at great ex-

pence buildings for a Cloth Manufacture, has the plan of another southern visit. It is uncertain what the present Minister of the Navy will do. George is expending a fortune upon a hemaphrodite Brig, which he is preparing for a visit to Europe, in a manner to us before unknown as to expence & project. The property of the family is neglected here & the branches of the family divided. Not one was at the solemnisation of the late marriage. Mr. Silsbee, our member elect for Congress, married the eldest daughter & seems at rest. What will be the fate of this family, which Jacob led to fame & property, time must explain.

22. This week, on 20th, Mr. Upton, who has the immediate Charge of our Charity House, moved his effects into the new building & on the day preceding had begun his plowing of such lands adjacent as had been assigned to the house. The committee for building had justly conceived the plan under the direction of so able an agriculturist of cultivating a large portion of the Neck & from an unproductive pasture, of rendering it of benefit to the charitable establishment now made upon it. It was their first act to extend the line along the present road to Winter Island taking in all the grounds northward of that line as far as the Higginson farm on the Neck & then continuing by the wall of that farm to Watch house point. But as soon as the plow had entered, a most clamorous opposition began. It was said the lands were reserved by the Settlers for the fishery & pasture. It was denied that the settlers had any concern in it. That it was the work of the second century & not of the first to clear these lands for the cottagers, for whose privileges the commoners gave a common right. That the object was the fishery & not for pasturage with which the town then abounded. That the fishery was the object of the first & express location of these lots. That the Fishery had been abandoned in Salem to Marblehead, Manchester, Gloucester, & Beverly in which it could be better carried on. However, a prosecution was threatened & to avoid new controversies while the town was in peace, and after great commotion it was secretly determined to take the lot of land westward of the high & north of the road including Roach's point on which the buildings stand, & the Square which is made by the western line of the Neck farm, & the Bar or Butt point, & so all eastward including the Hospital & Watch house point. It was then hoped that the malecontents would see the expediency & the public benefit, & either consent to the appropriations or be unable to resist with any success. This last assignment is agreeable to a vote in 1690, when the vote permitted the lower part of the Neck below Ram's horn Cove, to be planted by the poor during the town's pleasure. This is to act upon the spirit of that Vote. We have to apprehend much resistance if an alarm should be created.

This evening we had a fashionable display of the new Wedding Customs. The rooms were furnished elegantly & filled with Chairs.



THE MARKET HOUSE AND MARKET SQUARE, SALEM.

From a photograph taken about 1875.

Upon entrance after sundown into the brightly illumined apartments four bridesmaids were ready to receive the guests, receive their outer garments & to introduce the Ladies to the Bride. Four young gentlemen had the same offices for the gentlemen. They were then seated in their respective rooms & served with the best cake & wine that could be obtained. This occasion was the marriage of the youngest d. of late G. Crowninshield, Esqr. to Mr. John Rice. The cake alone served on the occasion exceeded 130 pounds. At nine the Company retired as the carriages provided for the guests were ready to receive them.

23. This day is appointed for the Sale of the Stalls in the New Market, & the intended regulations are communicated. The Market house is without style & the order without, not that within. An open shed is proposed on the Wharf. The Butchers propose the exclusive possession of the whole floor of the Market house, so that everything else must be accommodated under the sheds. Regulations of the New Market. South of the market, provisions, Market street for Lumber, Newbury, Summer & Brown sts. for Hay, Court, Newbury & Derby sts. for wood. Ebenezer Burrill, Inspector of Police. Such are the official regulations of the Selectmen. It is said the Stalls & Cellars in the new Market let for the interest of 30,000 D. & the expences are not two thirds of that sum upon the given estimate. The present income ab. 2 th. Dollars.

24. Sunday. Note. Martha Rice, pr. sick. Some internal cause of exq. pain. She is a daughter of Mr. Hilliard of the Old Rope Walk which ran between Becket & English streets & he had a house in English street upon the site of which this d. has a small dwelling H. She has two children, a Son and D., but not able to afford her any assistance.

25. This day was the first experiment upon the Market House. The Stalls were abundantly supplied & almost every person purchased something. Mr. Sawyer says he sold from his Stall 9 quarters of beef. The success of this plan will induce the enlargement of it & Sheds are proposed on the wharf of 200 feet. The exultation seemed general. General opinion is that the Charity House is too large, but it is proposed to lessen the expence by giving Mr. Upton now in it the command of the neck as a farm by which it is calculated much expence will be saved. Some furious tempers are opposed. Some under pretence that it is a grant of pasture farms from the Commoners, others from a pretended disbelief that the experiment of cultivation will not be productive. The subject will soon be before the town. We hoped for peace.

26. We have had great success in the Bay fishery. One boat from Beverly in short of 48 hours brought in 1000 cod. Another boat longer out took of the same fish 22 hundred, full grown from 10 to 20 lb. each. I saw a Ship's boat full of the garbage landed at Skerry's point for land in March street. This load consisted of

many cart loads to be used as manure & lodged under seaweed till carried upon the land. The smaller fish of this family come to our shores & are taken by anglers with the perch, tom cod, & flat fish. The Pollack are most numerous early & take the bait nearer the surface than the other fish & when taken near the shores are nearly of the same size with the fish with which they are taken. They are seldom taken alone or in shoals, but in the bay the larger fish are very often found together, so far as my information & knowledge goes.

28. The day for our annual Thanksgiving. The air was serene tho colder than for sometime past & not an unpleasant day. The congregation decent, but our day for children to visit with greater liberty & in which our family make a visit to their friends in the neighbouring towns. Our public contribution about 80 dollars.

29. The Town had a meeting at which the erection of Sheds on the Lands near the Market house were authorized & some measures taken to provide full authority for all the regulations of the Market. The Town also took into serious consideration the long talked of Hearses. No opposition is made but by the Sextons whose privileges these Hearses will lessen as two instead of eight or six will be sufficient. It was proposed to keep two of different value but a direct vote was not obtained for this way of raising money from the pride of families unnecessarily.

December 2, 1816. Friend Edmund Needham, aged 80, informs me that he first, about 1761, ventured largely into the Lynn Shoe trade at Philadelphia. That the opportunity was given him from the loss of several Vessels which brought from England many shoes to the Am. Market. That the Shoe importation was at that time short. That it was proposed to send two dozen pair from Salem which sold at 8s. 7-6 a Dollar, Phil[adelphia] Money. He continued with success till he carried at one time three thousand pairs. Then other adventurers shared the gains & the introduction of Boston Shoes, otherwise called sale shoes, rendered the sale less rapid & less profitable. His own shoes were not welded but finely stitched.

3. This day the weather being pleasant our Poor were removed from the Old House on the Common to the New House upon Roache's point on the neck. The yard is so divided & the house that the unmarried men are separated from the women & the married from the unmarried. The public expectations are increased. Besides the Pump in the House, two are provided in the respective yards & the old Pest House pump is kept for the Cattle as an outdoor pump. The land to the House has been laid out from the Neck gate in a direct line to the N. W. corner of the barn on the land of the Neck farm including above 80 acres, & the rail fence is begun. The whole land public & private on the Neck being 146 acres leaves above 100 for cultivation to the town after the roads are left, besides 38 acres on the Winter Island of which the town

will have thirty at its command. The Charity House has many accommodations.

5. The Town has granted out door Stands to be erected on the land south of the Market House & have appointed the proper authorities to execute the plan. The Overseers have published their resolutions to confine their charities, with few exceptions, to such only as apply for relief in the House. The circumstances of the Town which best vindicate this charity is that the pride which keeps from the public house will oblige more industry to keep at home. At home supplies injure industry. The fence of the Old Work House is removed & the whole offered for sale immediately. The enclosure of the town lands upon the Neck at first seemed to create some purposes of resistance but the tenure is such as put the whole lands at the disposal of a town vote, the removal of the cottages being only to ascertain town property & to reduce all the tenures to a known standard for public convenience. The grants intended to be permanent are to successors forever.

9. By invitation I visited the Hermaph[rodite] Brig Concordia lately built by Capt. G. Crowninshield & now fitted for sea in a manner never before observed in this Town. Her model is excellent & her naval Architecture the best. The rigging is in the highest improvement as to its form & complete of the best materials & workmanship. The best patent horizontal windlass with two stations just aft of the foremast. A Rudder fixed to move with the great ease & safety upon a new patent. The belaying pins of the Mast of brass. Below is the berth for the officers. Next is the dining room finished of the best materials furnished with the best carpets, elegant settees with velvet cushions, chairs with descriptive paintings, mirrors, buffets loaded with plate of every name & the best glass & porcelain. Adjoining are the berths for the Owner & Passengers with apartments having all the articles for the ship assigned to their own particular vessels & beyond, about midship, the kitchen with all the necessary furniture for all its purposes. In the forepart of the Vessel are the berths of the seamen. The expence must have been very great but the aid to improvement & enquiry is great & extensive. Nothing has been suffered to enter, not in the highest style of excellence. I should have been very glad to have had an inventory of the contents of this vessel.

10. Dr. W[orcester] brought to my house Mr. Cornelius. He is engaged to collect money for the Missions & is at present in that project of those restless men, which has been embraced by an incorporation in this State, called Am. Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. C. did not appear to have studied his lesson well.

12. Attended the funeral of a Child of one Sampson. The change of manners is visible in this fact. He put a Note at the Univ[ersalists], never told me of it, employed me to bapt[ise] his

child & visit & the sexton gave the secret at the time of the invitation to the funeral. He was directed by his minister.

13. It being a fine day the concourse to visit G. C's Vessel Concordia was very great. I took several friends under my care but could explain nothing. The Vessel was in truth crowded. The public curiously has been most strongly excited. The old Almshouse or work house which was sold at public auction this week for 96 Dollars exclusive of the stones, bricks & all out buildings, & after everything had been removed which the Overseers chose to take away, is now nearly gone & the loose materials are sold at daily auctions in lots. The workmen expect from the windows, doors, & such parts as are sound to pay their first engagement. The frame is in every part sound. The work House was proposed on the N. E. of the Common in 1770 & was accepted by the town as already erected in 1772, & then its regulations were published. It was afterwards enlarged. It had been kept at the old station, in the old house now standing on Pickering's hill, north of the Burying ground & on the corner of Summer street, by a Mr. Elsey. The father of the late Keeper Mr. Emerton was in it when I came to Salem & his son has continued till the new house on the Neck & has been succeeded by Mr. Upton. The first house was of two erect stories with a door in the middle fronting south, the roof having lutheren windows upon a plain roof. The Keeper entered on the northwest side & had that corner of the building. The House stood upon a basement story of brick about half below the surface of the ground, & the western part was for the kitchen & other uses of the economy of the house, & the eastern for places of confinement & such purposes. The Store on the northeast corner sold, being nearly new, for above 200 Dollars. The eastern end which was added afterwards was in the model of the first or western part & had the same kind of entrance, its own doors, windows & rooms in the same construction, giving three stacks of chimney. The two entries made it necessary to cross the rooms because there was no communication through the house from west to east & the double rooms were very inconvenient. To remedy this the form of the new house has been violated.

15. Sunday. Notes. Hannah Rowell & children, sudden d. of her Husband Thomas Rowell, aet. 66. Wid. Mary Becket, aet. 87, & children, d. of her Son in law Rowell. T. Rowell was from Newbury Port but at first the family from Boston. Came to Salem in the Revolution, had an excellent constitution & for many years a good character. In the latter part of life some indiscretions appeared but his Constitution was muscular & firm without any acute disorder or long complaint. He married a Becket, daughter of Wm., a handsome woman with very handsome children & six survive him. The Father & Mother of the wife suffered by temporary derangement. Two brothers of his wife & sisters same. One Son

mad, one daughter deranged. One Son vile, one died refusing to speak for years. One son vile in his family. Wife most irregular in temper. Husband left home & went to Maine, returned after d. of 2 deranged children. Able for the hardest work in which I saw him employed. Came home last spring. Laboured the day he died. Went home cheerful, supped & conversed familiarly, hummed a tune, & was smocking his pipe, & died instantly. As his feet were much higher than his head as he sat before a brisk fire, in a low chair, leaning his head against the low rail of the back of it, might not the position have contributed to this extraod. effect. Not a sigh, hard breath or motion arose after his feet fell & his pipe to the floor.

Mr. Cornelius with me on the Tuesday last published his address in the Salem newspapers, & had the concurrence of the Ministers. I said everything I could consistently with a purpose to do nothing directly, & persuading my C. that public notice should not be given in the Congregation. The exhibition was at the Tabernacle. From the press he said, that his proposition was in consent with the fund of the Am. Board of Comm. for Missions for the general plan of a Heathen School including such brought to the country in Indian Missions & Cherokees. That he had visited all the towns in Essex but four. At Newburyport Sunday, 1 Dec. evening, had collected 232 D. & already about 1400 in the County. His sermon in Salem produced 80 Dollars. It is said in Danvers, above that sum. In answer to G. Blackburn's leaving the Cherokee missions & settling in Nashville, he says G. B. had gotten 500 D. in debt & did not leave till 5 years after he visited Salem. Produces wonderful testimonies. But so incredulous are the present inhabitants that I have declined any further conversation on the subject. In his letter to me he tells me Dr. Prince was Chairman of, &c. who advised the Contribution. The sects are busy in Salem. A Baptist has been to parents in my charge to get a lamb. The Universalists have tricked me by concealing their movements, and the missions, &c. have taken their measures to milk my friends.

16. The names in the Common lands [in Salem] were so numerous that in the present generation it was a great work to apply them. But Endicotts' farm including nearly a square mile of land & the farms adjoining were in such situation. That Mr. Symonds at 100 years who could tell every run in the Great pasture did not know how to distinguish the rivers whose mouths were in sight of his own house, by the names found in the first deeds. The difficulties increased, as the privileges were exclusive & why not?

22. Sunday. It being my turn to preach the second Sermon in the Charity House lately finished on the Neck, I was led to avail myself of the various facts which explain the progress of this Charity in Salem.

25. The Episcopalians & foreign Communions are not left to observe this day without competition. H. Ballou called his flock together in the afternoon to celebrate, just as it used to be on our 5 of November. The great boys had their large Pope, but the little boys mounted him upon a shingle. What a reproach to the mild Jews, these false honours, but how instructive the sympathy. Were these days sacred to religion we might be silent & if superstition only triumphed, but these holy days are a reproach even in America to the name of religion.

26. Last evening at the request by Letter of the Master Elect, Joseph Geo. Sprague, I attended the dedication & installation of Jordan Lodge. Br. Rev. Bartlet was chaplain. He gave an address but not correct in the points to which it referred. M[asonry] is not a religious but social institution. It was a relaxation from the religious Orders of the Crusades. And a Mason takes his emblems from Architecture because that art protects & exalts society. His bible is the established order of society which he must not interrupt, his square is his consent to political & civil society & his compass his choice within these limits. Never has any mason been proved an Architect, nor is it more necessary for his Institution than any other art of life. The lodge room is upon the entrance into Danvers from Salem by town Bridge, at one Dr. Shed's who was chosen S[enior] Warden. M. W. Brother T. King installed the Master. About 100 Ladies were present & the M[aster] told them they had not the secret lest they should outwit the Brethren. We opened at 6 & closed before 9 p. m. A table was spread for refreshments. I was at home before 9 p. m. This was not the first meeting but the first meeting in the new Room.

27. St. John's Ev. day. The Essex Lodge installed & as I had been at Jordan L[odge] it was improper to refuse an invitation to my own Lodge which I had not visited for many years. Early engagements for the first part of the evening prevented my entrance till after the Lodge was opened & till prayers were over by Br. Carlisle of St. Peter's C[hurch]. I found the Lodge Room superbly decorated & filled with brethren on the wall benches & within by citizens not Masons who had been invited tho no ladies had been received. M. W. M[aster] King as before inducted the Master who was a royal Arch M[ason] named Cole, & who had long kept a private school near the centre of Salem. A man of liberal education, unused to such ceremonies, he discovered a perturbation which could not fail to prevent the dignity & authority of a Master, tho on other occasions he is said to have had enough of the Preceptor, as we might judge from a view of him in his usual appearance abroad. After the induction of the officers a hymn was given by the Chaplain as at Church. All our old songs & tales have disappeared & the forms of the Church have succeeded

to all the old Minstrelsy. After this, as an old member, I was invited to make another prayer & then we went to refreshment. The Hall was full & the preparations plentiful but simple. We then returned to the Lodge room & Br. Carlisle & Dr. Worcester had the opportunity of closing with great delicacy of sentiment with an hymn to the Trinity.* As that Controversy is among the Brethren this was a delicate triumph over the confusion of the Master, who was too much agitated to know his duty.

This day was buried Mr. Charles Henry Orne, aet. 28, son of the late W. Orne, a rich merchant of Salem. This young gentlemen has bestowed from the great wealth he inherited a rich legacy on the Cambridge Institution for education of Candidates for the Ministry & several other valuable legacies of which I have not the correct history. He was educated at Cambridge, his wife is dead & he has no children. A Brother & Sister survive him who have an equal share in the wealth of the Father.

29. Sunday. Note. Elizabeth Forbes & 4 children, d. of her husb. John F., pr. for br. at sea. The Universalists insist upon coming in for their share of the celebration of Christmas. This gives some jealousy to the Episcopalians who outdid all outdoing in the number of their pine bows, while the Univ. beat them all hollow at Psalmody. The bows had success for the first day, none the second. The Univ. only kept the first day. Neither claim much from the talents they employ. This week was an Immersion in which I had more interest than at any time. A playful girl often on our little family parties, residing with her G. mother who lived with the Close C. Baptists, was enticed to their meetings. All the pleas of her parents of her former baptism, of her former acquaintance, did not avail & last Thursday, a spectacle to men & boys, she was drawn into North river. The little man felt indelicately in any means of conversions & tied up in a leathern sack, a new sight, he gave the girl to the December wave. The intrusion into our families is nothing. And even those who have better claims to good manners read, in mixed companies, Trinity hymns to unbelievers.

30. A painful day to me. My father who had no care of my education had a jealousy of my interest in the affections of my G. F. by my mother's side, who educated me. My day book will discover how much I lost by this jealousy. I still did all my duty as he confesses. He delivered his estate to the Husband of my eldest sister who has disposed of it, but in what form I know not. He pretended to have lands in N. H. & removed to Walpole. I have now notice from Pliny Dickinson, Esqr. that my Father, over 90 years of age, is a pauper & must be taken care of immediately. I sent 10 D. for present supply & have to consult with the family. The husband of my Sister is absent from his family & is destitute of everything good for body or mind.

* The reader will recall that Dr. Bentley was an ardent Unitarian.

31. This is the last day of December. We had snow on the ground only a few hours upon the 10th. It is now open weather. No ice upon the shores, no snow under the hedges, no symptoms of the dreary month of December. The day was as mild as May & the evening had as bright moonshine as ever known. The spots which had appeared on the Sun were considered by superstition with some alarm. The convulsions of the world had occasioned great fears of harvest. Our vegetation was luxuriant in its growth, excepting our Indian corn. In no year have more extraordinary productions been brought to the public notice, as may be seen from the catalogue in every kind I have preserved. We should have called it a plentiful year had not Indian Corn, our Staple, failed. We had an opportunity to see the conduct of our farmers. Some of them cut up their Corn at the first fears & others delayed their other harvest in hope of a prolonged season. So much is habit and so little experience that we have much to learn. But a few experiments in some late years had convinced the farmers that they had neglected their true interest in not cultivating wheat, barley & rye. It so happened that in the present year the success of the last year produced a more extensive cultivation of these grains that had been ever known, & from this contingency we have great benefit. Our potatoes were of super-abundant growth as were all our esculent roots. The agricultural societies promise as much benefit as do the cares which reward anything remarkable in our cattle, horses and sheep. But the Sheep plans have not been adopted with due enquiry or managed with discretion.

January 2, 1817. Died this day Thomas Pickman, son of Col. Benjamin Pickman & G. Son of the celebrated Merchant B. Pickman, distinguished by his good influence in the town of Salem. The Father is now living. Was a refugee in the revolution and returned to his family after the peace of 1783. The father graduated at Cambridge in 1759 & the son Thomas, in 1791. His Brother Col. B., who married a Derby, in 1784, his Uncle William, in 1766 & he died in Nov., 1815, aet. 67. The Mother of Thomas was a daughter of Dr. Tappan, & one of the best women of our Country. Bazalier Tappan was son of Revd. Christopher Tappan of Newbury. Was a Physician in Salem 15 years, then engaged in mercantile pursuits & died 1762, aet. 58. Dr. Pickman was not in good health & finally died of pulmonic complaints. He was well instructed in common literature, & studied with Dr. Holyoke. He had not the power of recommending himself by the usual compliances which he despised, but his characteristic was the power to distinguish men well when his prejudices would allow. He was undoubtedly the best informed man of the family. A younger brother addicted himself to commercial pursuits & his only sister is married as a third wife to Osgood, Esqr. at Andover.

3. This day a Shark was brought into this Port, 7 feet long.

He was taken while seizing a Cod taken by the hook. He came within reach of fishermen's garf and was taken. He was in good condition and pronounced by the fishermen as the fullest they had seen of the size. It is declared to be rare to find sharks in our bay in winter. Another proof of an uncommon season & that fish are governed by the temperature & not by any other law.

5. Sunday. Note. Susanna Seward, d. of her g. son Capt. Spence Hall, herself sick. Capt. S. H. belonged to our society but in the violence of his fears was supplied by a fanatic. Wid. S. much esteemed & independent woman with her daughter Dale. Annual Sermon of the Salem Bible Translation & For[eign] Miss. Society was to be on Lord's Day evening at the first Baptist Meeting H[ouse] by Coleman. This youth of 18 is a pupil to Mr. Chaplin of Danvers. A large Crowd assembled & the youth excelled in the vehemence of declamation & absurdity. The Contrib. was smaller than that of Cornelius. Cornelius has advertised that he gained in Essex 2 th. D. & has secured from the little societies as formed in Essex an annuity of nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of that sum. He is now trying his strength in Boston & has given out his advertisements accordingly.

9. A Letter from Gov. Plumer of N. H., notifying me that I was elected a member of the Board of Overseers of Dartmouth College & enclosing a Certificate of Appointment. This ought to have come earlier & Gen. Ripley wrote that he wondered it did not, as it seems it was in the plan of Gen. Ripley that it should. It seems this business did not success in its first stages from the want of a quorum. The present act is intended to put this beyond doubt. Last week we had an example of suicide upon Marblehead farms near Salem Gore. The man, John Peach, aet. 56, was tenant to Hooper of Marblehead & lately plowed on the Neck. He had been of good character but lately intemperate & complained of the oppression of his Landlord. He has left a family, but chiefly grown up. I have had in my society 2 examples but both of them without corruption of morals. One a female of long derangement & the other of a young merchant under the pressure of great & unexpected failures.

12. Sunday. Note. Susan Dale, d. of her Mother Susanna Sauward, Wid. of H. S., pr. for a son at sea. Mrs. Sauward was 78 y. of age & has a Brother living in the Interior, Richard, aet. 80. Richard has a Son John in Salem. She was a Batten. Their father must have not been a native of this part of the Country. The heirs of John still hold the antient mansion house in Turner's street. Susanna has her children by Josiah Beadle & after living above 4 years a widow married H. S[auward] from York. He did not live long with her & died away from home. She leaves two daughters. One married a Gwinn, with many children, one a Dale above. A marriage this evening of one of the spiritual Children lately born of water by immersion. The little girl has obeyed his passions &

her lover & fell from her spiritual life. The examples of these changes have multiplied lately & promise to increase our population. All sects which nourish zeal are liable to the same frailties among the young, but it ought at least to increase the wisdom of the aged as to these things.

13. Mr. A. Dunlap, one of my pupils, put into my hands two pamphlets lately published which have literature as their professed object but political use as their true end. One is written by John Pickering & under his name. This man is son to the well known Timothy who has been in some contention from his birth & has now finished his political & extraordinary career by the consent of all his friends. The subject of J. P's book was a communication to the Am. Acad., to fill up the slow progressing numbers of its papers, on the subject of keeping the pure language of the English. It was first published when the British party employed all the means for its foreign attachments. The skeleton was too dry to be much noticed & too small & it was effectually concealed in the papers of an academy that could not fill up 3 Vols. in above 30 years. It therefore was thought best to enlarge it into a Volume in 8vo. of 200 pages, under the name of a Vocabulary of words to be rejected from use because not in the language of the English. As a specimen, we are not to keep the name of Meeting Houses because the Eng[lish] say Churches. And we must not apply to our churches the phrases which denote their difference from those of England. This pompous trifle however has been attentive to its end. It has arraigned all our patriots or cast them aside with seeming contempt. It quotes all the British censures from their critics canes upon our style. Had any justice been done to our characters we might admit his corrections or refinements as innocent, or at least as humble attempts at fame, as when a child writes on a fence or a soldier cuts out his name in a guard house. P's book had hardly become known before a Brother Lawyer, one Knapp, from Newbury Port, became a prisoner in Salem in the Debtor's Goal. The character of his debts is not my concern. The faculty say that his Clients have gained their Cause, but not their money. This man, probably with the advice of his brethren, has published a book in 12s. of 148 pages, purporting to be extracts from a Journal of Marshal Soult. That he might flatter Pickering's party & indirectly censure the friends of our Government, the opposition, called Essex Junto, are represented as men, the guardians of the public hopes and the fast friends of the people. Some things are interspersed to make the design less obvious. But as all the characters are known to me they are none of them drawn from the life. It is by such acts the popular deceptions are continued & the superficial taste of the age, as the stern virtue of Mr. Dane calls it, is gratified by the flattery of friends & the contempt of those they have been taught to hate. In this work I am brought into view. So long ac-

customed to scandal in the Gazettes, to insult by private letters & paying postage, as well as by premeditated & also declared neglects, I feel nothing new on this occasion. Mr. P. has been kind enough to say nothing about me like what the secret letters have said. The Town Meeting answer, that Clergymen are not to speak even when on Town Committees, has induced more caution. Mr. K. confesses a man neither accurate nor profound has been the author of some profound discussions, but John should tell him not to have two senses to the same word in the same sentence, as well as to be sure not to err in favour of his own country.

16. This evening the Sch. Arnold, Sears, from Maine with wood, was shipwrecked on the outer side of Baker's Island. The men escaped but the vessel & Cargo lost. She belonged to Capt. Thomas Martin of Marblehead.

17. The beginning of the appearance of winter, but the snow has not been suffered to lay. This evening we had frequent flashes of lightning, & torrents of rain attended with high wind at night. Mr. Saunders has returned from New York, upon his second visit. Dr. Muzzy threatens to return from Hanover, Esqr. Rhust from Norway, Maine. Many of our friends who have made excursions in the country with a view of establishments, have made us the compliment of returning. Some before they had spent all & some naked. Our emigrants find a riches in our economy. We have few foreigners of property who make a home in Salem. Our additions to the population are from foreign ports & chiefly mariners. A few from the country come for domestic employment & become seamen & a few to try the experiment of trade & shop keeping. But whatever they are or in whatever proportion, they are commonly beginners. They come to get fortunes, not to spend them or to enlarge them.

19. Sunday. Note. Wid. Hanna Rowell, d. of Daughter in Law Rowell & Son at sea. She a Hill & g. d. of May Whitford. This is another branch of the unhappy family of the late Thomas Rowell. Never were moral evils more aggravated with domestic incidents than in the children of this R. family. The wid. has a son at sea. She speaks justly of living troubles. She a Becket.

21. We had for the first time an Ordination by a Bishop, in Salem. Brockwell, Gilchrist, & Fisher were ord. in Eng[land] before the Revolution. Thomas Carlisle came into Salem, a Reader, & married into one of the most wealthy Families in the place. He had been in Deacon's orders which he did not receive at this place. This day was appointed for his ordination as Priest, from Bishop Alexander V. Griswold. Having an invitation to dine I went to Church. Morning prayers were read by James Morss of St. Paul's, Newbury. The Bp. preached from John, 20, 21. After the usual Ceremony, Dr. John S. J. Gardner of Boston & James Morss of Newbury Port officiating as Presbyters, the Cong. Ministers of

Salem, by allowing Occasional Conformity, partook of the Communion. The Bp. conducted with all gravity & affection. We dined in a very sumptuous manner at Mr. Carlisle's & in the evening was a service at which Mr. J. White read prayers & Mr. Moss preached. On the occasion the preacher unqualifiedly made the Trinity or Divinity of the Son an article of faith, the atonement, the universal redemption, the partial salvation, & the regeneration by the Church, tho' not miraculously. He ran on with wonderful fluency, with strong confessions of confidence & repeated declarations of surprise that any should not see things as he attempted to represent them. The Bishop confirmed one man & several, perhaps five or six, young women. On both these occasions the Church was full but particularly of young females. The Choir did its part handsomely, nothing astonishing, but everything correctly. I was pleased with everything belonging to the manners of the Bishop.

23. The Oakes Cow in town to be taken by a Painter.*

24. "Winter does not rot in the sky." We have a deep snow & for the first time this season the Earth is completely covered. The topics are our Commerce & manufactures, our Bankrupt law & our Hospitals. The western country too engages attention. The Newbury Port paper tells us of an association of 70 citizens to remove to the westward. Their political madness & fanaticism have lessened the hopes of the settlement & produced the discontent.

27. Our market keeps up. Beef from 10 to 11 cts. Butter from 25 to 30. Flour, 14 to 15 D. a barrel. Baker's loaves from 6 to 9 Cents. Milk, 7 cents. Wood, 7 Dollars at the wharves.

29. Alarm of fire in Parker's School House formerly Bigelow's near First Baptist Meeting H[ouse]. In the roof from a stove funnel. The roof injured. The third fire in a School room from the same cause. First, Welsh's, Essex street, Common Range, a light building much burnt. Second, Grammar School, in second story, much burnt, & now the third. More damage done than was necessary at noonday. These buildings are frequently lost from the parsimony in constructing their fireplaces. And some fears may be allowed for our Meeting Houses which have funnels liable to every accident from the careless manner in which they are constructed.

30. Another alarm of fire in Fish street in the evening in a Carpenter's shop, & from the absence of the man who had in charge the New Market house. Wood piled upon the stove burnt & fell upon the floor & injured it & might soon have put it in flames. Two stoves are now to be erected at each end of the Market house with two funnels to pass the length of the house to keep the meat from freezing. The hardness of the ice has brought many with their eel spears upon our harbour.

31. Mr. Parker, Son in law of Master Watson, has laid this

* A red cow, a great milk producer, owned at New Mills, Danvers.

week the keel of a vessel in the old Shallop cove below Pickman's street. This was the place of business for Salem at the first landing on this side but the water is so shallow as to forbid much hopes of its being useful again for purposes of navigation. I suppose the whole Cove from Roache's point to Planter's marsh is not of half the depth as when I first knew it. The Conduits at the bottom of the Common & along the new settlements empty into it & carry much earth.

February 2, 1817. Sunday. Notes. David Magoon & family, d. of his Sister Eaton at Boston & of her child. Thomas Magoon & wife & children, d. of the same. These men are twins & have such a near resemblance that I have not yet learnt to separate them. Their father is one of five brothers all living, and this death is the first breach made upon eleven children. They belong to Pembroke & are Ship carpenters settled in Salem, one having married a Hitchins & the other a Lane. The first has buried his wife. Their father is over 70 years of age & still labours at Ship building. The Sister died in childbed & her child soon after her. She has two children by a former husband. The ministers of the town have all taken their turns at the Charity House. Most of them shut their own Houses to perform this service. Mr. Emerson of Beverly, who left from want of health, is in the missions of Carolina. We exchange Clergymen less than anything & now less than ever, North & South.

4. The neglect of the Crowninshield Wharf has depreciated the property near it very much as appeared at some late attempts to make sales of real estate. More than Cent per cent depreciation. This makes the citizens wish rather to see a merchant ship than any floating costly plaything.

6. Married Schuyler Laurence to Chloe Minns. This man is our chief Cook when we have had our parties upon Marblehead neck under the Collector Capt. Wilson. He has five children, two sons at the wedding & one at sea. One d. at the wedding, one young at home. He is a man of good person & of good manners, attending on the best families in Marblehead & these are the first grade of Africans in all our New England towns. Chloe enters upon her third marriage & has two children & is a Mulattoe. She was introduced while I was in the Salem School Committee as a Preceptress in the Salem African School then first established & has acquitted herself with great honour, as to her manners & as to her instructions. With Mrs. Minns is as a boarder, Patience, an old servant among the Whites whose father died at Ipswich Hamlet at 100 years of age. She is advanced above 70. Deacon Freeman whom Brother Spaulding put over the Blacks of his flock. Cato Ransom & wife, freeholders in the eastern part of Salem. The others all decent in their dress & deportment were not particularly known to me, excepting Mrs. Williams, whom I lately married to

Abraham W. who serves the Pickmans. Patience is remarkable for her Cake & pastry. Jenny W. for her attendance. Mr. Freeman for his devotional aids to the blacks. Cato R. for his diligence & frugality. Mr. Whittemore, sometimes sexton, sometime Deacon to the Branch, brought the invitation & accompanied me. He is a white man & father in law to Charles Forbes, a most promising young man. I saw the best of the blacks in Salem, perhaps in New England. My visit cost me one hour.

9. Sunday Pr[of.] S[tuart] of Andover having had my Gesenius under pretence, with Eichhorn, which he also borrowed, of compiling a Heb[rew] Lexicon for use in concurrence with the Heb. Pr. Camb., after a suitable time I recalled them as the names used as from Camb. were recalled, as not justly claimed for such a Loan. The Pr[of.] not chargeable with deception but with mistake, has again called upon me & I again with the same easy good nature have obliged him from the ignoble fear of being overloaded with censures without regard to their truth. The singular letter begging the favour in the article, I shall preserve. "I made all arrangements to send Canyon — it is on the ground of some encouragement (a plumper) will you permit me sub rosa, that I want G. for a Heb. Lex. for this country—The need of one I need not state to you, who with all good oriental scholars must be disgusted with the mystics, & the babbalissons & Hutchinsonianisms, & the everything else but the right things of Parkhurst." He then says the labour must be great & his health slender & he has commenced the preparatory studies, &c. I should approve a little more uningeniousness.

13. For the first time I attended a funeral in the New Charity House. We had our prayers in the Chapel & I urged it as a rule. The presence of the corpse is an antient superstition. The Coffin was made in the house, the grave dug by the subjects of the house & the bell of the house was tolled. The body was conveyed by the people of the house & all done by themselves. I proposed another graveyard in Spring cove, & to lessen the present burying place by bringing the western wall to the grave stones. We now see the folly of not placing the house on the top of the hill, that the water might pass from it every direction. The present form also in that situation has none of the advantages promised it. The regulations within are well supported.

14. The first day in my life in which I kept house upon account of the Cold. I had my ears touched with frost yesterday having returned with them uncovered & the wind being high. It was higher this day & the cold increased so that actually abroad the glass went far below zero. Our friends say their glasses abroad were indeed 15 minus.

15. Sometime since Col. Butman resigned as Col. of Salem Regiment under whom I had been Chaplain. He informed me that he wished me not to resign as he had some expectations that Col.

W. Ropes, Lt. Col., would continue & he wished me to continue with him. This day Col. Ropes called upon me & informed me that he had prepared his resignation. He had delayed at the request of some friends, but was now persuaded that a resignation on his part was best & as I had assured him I should resign whenever he did, he obtained a blank which I filled & signed. I had been lately attacked under the name of Chaplain, & well enough knew that the consequent arrangements would give me a more pleasant situation in private life. The divisions of the friends of the administration have left us no candidates in which we should probably unite. Each party in their divisions have contemplated to resign the military honours, if they could not promote their own friends. I do not think we have much to hope, & more I add not. How much political life degrades the picture of human condition.

17. Mr. Joseph Strout visited the Haste, an Island below Salem, upon the ice. It is one mile & a quarter below the extreme point of the Neck. This has been done before, but it is seldom that we see the ice form at such a distance. Mr. G. Crowninshield by an enlightened charity has in the article of fuel most generously relieved the wants of the poor, when excluded from labour, & pushed by the urgent necessity of a most inclement season. Several other charities have been employed by associations to relieve the wants of winter & they have been very kindly administered. We are very apprehensive for our friends on the coast. Many Vessels have laid for weeks in the M[artha]'s Vineyard. Mr. Gray has had two ships which have reached Cape Ann.

18. We had a N. E. snowstorm, but it lost all its horrors when it brought with it an atmosphere of the freezing point only. I never gave such a storm so ready a welcome.

20. Capt. G. Crowninshield's Charity was liberal and ingenuous. The poor applied & he appeared to have a full comprehension of their respective wants. The supply appeared to give an entirely new face to society. This day hundreds were employed by subscription in breaking up the ice of the harbour, but are said to have had but little success. In Boston it is said they applied the powder in the Bamboo cane with uncommon success. It is said the exp. would be repeated in Salem. We have found the new regulation which obliges every person to go to the Charity House who received from the town by the Overseers has driven to that receptacle persons of a higher grade than usually hug misery in such situations. The only Son of Revd. F[isher], distinguished by his pencil*, is committed to this place of torment for every man who loves ingenuous society. So a Schoolmaster Pennell, who married a Foster, is now with a charge of Children from the same cause the most unconquerable & disgraceful & demoralising intemperance.

21. Hon. N. Silsbee, Member of Congress, prop. to distribute

* See Diary, Nov. 7, 1812.

bread & wrote to me for the names of such to whom 10 or 20 wt. of bread would be acceptable with the places where they live. I made out a list of persons & places & accompanied the List with the last Thanksgiving document by which he might measure the proportion of our charity & accommodate his own. I added a few other names to the list, among others a daughter of Philip English, & a Mr. Francis Le Mart, a German from the Mark, settled among us.

23. Sunday. Notes. William Peele & wife, him sick, aet. 79, a venerable man. His wife a Becket of nearly the same age & have lived together 56 years & have children. Horatio Perry & his wife, d. of his Father Israel Perry, aet. 74, a Hanover, Old Colony man. Horatio P. married a Lane, & is the person who has for a long time directed our singing. This Sunday a powerful contrast to that which preceeded it. It was a very pleasant day in the air being above 40, tho much water in the streets.

24. Last night after two pleasant days while expecting the return of our friends from the Vineyard came on a snow storm & the wind was very high. The Barometer as low as I ever observed it. I could make no fire in my study after repeated attempts so furiously was the smoak forced back into the chimney. A similar fact in 1792. A Ship last night for this port came ashore on the north point of Baker's Island & we were not without serious apprehensions for every person who might be in the bay. The Snow continued to fall all day & is much drifted, but the therm. at freezing.

25. The Ship upon Baker's Island proves to be the Ship Union, Osgood, 124 days from Sumatra, with pepper, &c. for Phillips & Co. of Salem. She had made Thacher's light & pretends that the change of our lights from two to one perplexed them. As the wind was it is to be presumed this is an excuse for bad pilotage. She lost during the day her main & mizen mast & drifted to the beach. It is thought that great saving will be made. She had above 3600 peculs of pepper & 900 block tin. The Brig Cuba, Andrew, sailing from Beverly but belonging to Andrew & Co. of Salem, went ashore on the back of Marblehead on Saturday with fish. She was lightened & got off & is in Marblehead harbour. We consider neither of these events as from the storm only.

The Wid. Elizabeth Grafton, aet. 92, that is dead in Salem, was a sister of Dudley Woodbridge & daughter of the Capt. B. Woodbridge. She married Joseph Grafton, Son of Capt. T. Grafton. She had two sons one of whom Joseph died by suicide, having married Patty Pyncheon, alias Greenwood, now Johonnot. Wood Grafton, her other son, is absent & with his wife this aged Woman found a home, much respected. Thomas March Woodbridge, son of Dudley, still holds the patrimony below Orange Street & Elm, between Water & Vine Street, & has an elegant house upon the land near Planter's marsh corner of Bridge & March street. Both Grafton & Woodbridge are antient & respectable families. March W's

mother, Wid. of Dudley W., is still living in Salem. She was a March of Boston. A March of B. married a Woodbridge of Salem & she was a daughter by this marriage. At a very early age, at 17, she married Dudley W. at 29 years of age. B. Woodbridge, the G. Father of March, came from Andover about the beg. of 18 Century. Descendant of the first minister, a venerable name.

26. This day the Widow E. Grafton, mentioned yesterday, was buried. Her father married an Osgood & the Son of her Brother, a venerable man, died lately at a very advanced age. The Ancestor Capt. Woodbridge has left an endless list of those anecdotes of his youth that discover a wit like Swift's that despises nothing low & yet in his genius must not be called vulgar. Among the anecdotes which friend Edmund Needham, over 80, gave me are the following. Going to sea, his father in law Osgood sent a venture by him & the Son promised to do as well by it as if it was his own. Upon his return he was questioned and he answered I spent both. Going to Virginia for Judge Lynde & Co. in a little Vessel for corn he bought the corn & brought it all home in little bags he purchased. Being questioned he said a little Vessel & little sacks for a little cargo, to hide till it would pay a good interest. Going to sea with a drunken crew with which he was reproached, as soon as he was far from land he tacked his helm, ordered all sails down, & every man to empty his stores of rum into a tub & to get drunk at pleasure. The event was he kept sober & deceived them, recovered them of their habits for the voyage & destroyed their means & had an excellent crew & a good voyage. Once at home from sea his father in law Osgood called upon him to help at getting in his corn, a feast now well known called husking. Like a sailor he had no love of the work & offered to drive the cart as it was loading into town. At night upon his return the Father observed not so much corn was brought into his store as he expected. Where is my corn Ben, said he. O Sir, said he, why two carryings. It is easier to take it by the load than by the bushel & I have carried what I want home. It is said he had a peculiar accent & shrillness of voice, besides a singular manner which put him often into the company of the wits, both Gardners, Northeys, Gavetts, & parties.

March 1, 1817. Snow last night deeper than before with rain & hail, a foot on level.

2. Sunday. Notes. William Peale & wife, him sick. This venerable man has had several paralytic affections, has suffered from a rupture, & finally from some internal inflammation. His father Robert, was a Mechanic in Salem as was he. Mary Mason & children, d. of her daughter Sara Timothy, so named from the wife of her husband's brother Wm. in Charleston, S. C., who died without children. Aet. 15. The Mother a King, & father a Math. Instrument maker. Hanna Standon, she was a Perkins, G. Father a Phelps, d. of infant, husb. at sea.

3. We have an unusual quantity of snow on the ground. The streets have been broken by order of the police but it is a heavy load in March. The harbour is again free from ice & our vessels go & come to recover our spirits. We have had no persons frozen or lost on the ice during this severe season. The vessel ashore on Baker's Island is so far injured as to admit of no repairs, — the cargo much lost. It is hoped the Block tin will be recovered. The men who have the wreck in charge speak unfavourably of the Manchester men who visit the wreck.

4. The day of inauguration of the New President James Monroe. As he had not the votes of Mass. we might expect no notice of the day under the present administration of the State. No salute at the Capital, no military parade, no Washington Benevolents. In Salem, the Cleopatra's Barge gave salute, hoisted its suit of silk colours & for the first time I dined on board in honour of the day. We had several visitants, from different nations, in the course of the day. The day passed convivially & happily. This day I had sight of Baker's Pump at Mr. Donaldson's, C's wharf. The box is of metal. The sides suffer more water to pass. It is double valved raised in the center & resting at an angle of 45 on a partition to which its hinges are fixed. It raises easily, in greater quantity & with less danger of obstruction. A letter from Comm. Hull accompanied it.

6. Yesterday died in this Town John Appleton, Esqr. aet. 78. He was the only surviving son & child of the venerable Dr. Nathaniel Appleton of Cambridge, whose praise is in all our churches. He was descended from an antient & venerable family in Ipswich in this county, a name associated with the Rogers, Norton, Corbet, & Hubbards & reputable in successive generations. His father was born Dec. 9, 1693, & his G. F. was the Hon. John Appleton of the King's Council, & 20 years Judge of Probate in Essex from whose judgment was never an appeal. I preached with Dr. Appleton while a T[utor] at Cambridge several months. When I came to Salem in 1783, I found the lately deceased an established Merchant in Salem, associated in the Club with Mr. Pyncheon, Holyoke, Putnam, Dr. Orne, J. Pickering, B. Goodhue, J. Ashton, & such men. He had married a d. of the Revd. Sparhawk of the first church, & had several Children, & lived in a brick house in the old paved street, the third entry eastward on the south side & had his Store of dry goods in front. He was a gentleman in his manners, more the man of business than of literature, but of good person & very circumspect deportment & never engaged in any controversies of church or state as a leader, tho firm to his associations. He has left several Sons, Merchants, & one of them known by his wit in the Gazette. He was a person for whom I entertained the highest respect as a good citizen. Mr. Ashton tells me that Mr. John Appleton, came to Salem within a year after he graduated in Cambridge in 1757.

7. At Mr. Appleton's funeral was the first time at which the Town Hearses were used. The town gave orders for two & they have been at Mr. Botts. It was thought best not to call them into use till the town had accepted them, but this occasion seemed to require & it was a good time to begin. They were both formed exactly alike, tho it was proposed otherwise. Hearses have been in use in other parts of the County, as a substitute to their carriages which they were obliged to use in passing to a great distance. Within a few years they have been introduced into Boston but long since I left that town. I never saw a funeral in Boston that the corps was not supported on shoulders till since the peace of 1783. Dr. Holyoke was at the funeral.

9. Sunday. Notes. Eliz. Peele & children, d. of her Husband. Her son Robert, named for G. Father P., has 3 children & wife. Widow Millet has children, Wid. Barnes children, Mrs. Donaldson children. Mrs. Preston, Mr. Preston at sea. Mother a Becket. Sister Silsbee has children, Mother of Hon. Nath. Silsbee. Sister Cloutman, a Widow, Children. Sister Becket, wid. of John B., third wife, Mother in Law. Mr. Peele leaves a surviving Sister, Hilliard, who lives & has a house in Church Street. Susanna Becket, aet. 94, under infirmities of age, a note. Wid. of William. The Sisters of W. Peele by his wife & his own Sister, a note. The famous Benjamin Thompson, Count Rumford, was in his youth an apprentice to John Appleton, Esqr., merchant, lately deceased, to fit himself for mercantile life.

10. We had our town meeting & chose an opp. Moderator. In consequence we lost our best hopes of success. The Anatomical preparations in wax* have not the attention they deserve, & should be explained. They are not the ordinary catch penny playthings as the many impostures would lead to believe. They are in the best style from H. Williams of Boston, the first in America who has made such attempts to represent parts of the human body in wax. The person who attends the exhibition told me on Saturday he had not paid his expences. He has twelve articles in separate glass cases, representing sections of the heart, of the brain, of the feet & hands, a small complete anatomy of the form & view of the intestines, & several partial preparations.

11. We had our second town meeting. Town nearly divided. We gained the Town Clerk & one assessor. The Opp. has two Selectmen by a majority of 4 votes & one. Number of votes 1417. We have failed from division only. Complaints are made against the Moderator J. P[rin]ce that he reduced the time from six to four & an half hours, admitted all to vote last year and required the assessor's list on this, that he was chosen by the admission of every voter who came to vote, that 40 were refused when the majority was but of 4 & one which gave two Selectmen to the opposition. Upon

* On exhibition at P. Stetson's Essex Coffee House, Salem.

what principle the Reps. acquiesced in the choice of the man is unknown. We had the Town Hearse this day for the first time at our end of the town. It was used last week at the other end for J. Appleton, Esqr. It seems to have less prejudice against it than we might have imagined.

14. The citizens at the polls, but the opposition had the majority of the Selectmen. We are happy to say the contest was close, but the peace of the town not disturbed. Mr. Prince found that the votes for him as Moderator did not prevent a censure upon his conduct in the votes for him as a magistrate & Selectman.

16. Sunday. Note. Widow Sara Becket, W. of John, d. of his youngest daughter Mary, aet. 27. I compared the 4 d. to those of Philip named in the visit of Paul to Caesarea. The mother in Law was a Dean & the best of Mothers. These children by an Ingersoll, 2d wife. A son & d. left by this marriage & all of them excellent singers to whom our congregation has been greatly indebted. Mary was an example of the old fashioned consumption which lasted for eight years admitting at short intervals some relief from a severe cough & unhabitual expectoration & yet her animal spirits were impaired in the smallest degree I ever knew.

17. This day received from the Gov. the acceptance of my resignation as Chaplain to the Salem Regiment. Both my Colonels have resigned commands & talk of removing westward. This plan of removal in Newburyport, we are told, will actually take place in April & will not be abandoned in Hartford, Conn. Not one of the projects only with paupers. Many independent men dislike the rule of the State & the ceaseless & fruitless struggles of a minority in popular elections.

18. Many of our high Citizens speak of abandoning the new theories of reclaiming mankind. There is too much labour in reforming & blessing mankind. The shortest way with the politician is death & so with the magistrate. Much is said of the expence, the ill success, & the ill influence of penitentiaries. It is said 20 thousand were at Boston to see the execution of last week. Such sights have been rare, but it is determined they shall not be long so. We are told the poor youth discovered more insensibility than humility, & that is a proud show to the vulgar. How far will such sights go to prevent crimes?

20. Last night was a Caucus at which appeared some who never honoured such assemblies with their presence before & the secret came out of all the late elections. A secret design to balance parties, as it was known which was the strongest, & to give a quietus to the Republicans. So we are told to chuse equal numbers on both sides for all the other municipal offices & as the Indian said we are to have three beans & three Cows. The best of theirs & the worst of ours, & then the administration will be secundum vota.

23. Sunday. Notes. Francis Le Mart, a German, and wife

Susanna Knight eldest d. of the lately deceased Sarah, wid. of Nath. Knight, aet. 85, d. of her mother. John Ostrom & wife, youngest d. of Wid. S. Knight, Mary, d. of her Mother. He a Swede. Mary K, wife of James Goomunson, a. G. gd. of S. K. by her eldest d. Susanna, by Majore, a Frenchman. Wid. Martha Silsbee, her father Prince died young & her mother married Mascoll, the husband of her father's Sister. They were born in the same year & received into the Church together & stood together 60 years. Pr. for d. of Sister Knight. She also asked prayers for her g. children absent. Like her sister she has a Son & two daughters. Wid. Sarah Knight who was an Archer & married Benjamin Knight. He a brother of the Deceased's husband being aet. 79 & for many years a widow[er]. Mary Tozzer, d. of her Sister by her Husband, with her children, d. Mary Tozzer, aet. 67. Mary was very faithful to her mother who died aet. 88 & her g. mother in 1790, aet. 103. William Tozzer & wife, d. of his sister Mary. He married a Lane, d. of Nicholas Lane. Mary Tozzer, the wid. of Ebenezer, was a Patterson, her Father Wm. an Englishman & not of the kindred of Capt. W. Patterson with whom I had a most intimate acquaintance.

24. From Mr. Dudley Woodbridge's minutes I had by his Son: 1753, died Grandmother of said Dudley, Son of Benj. W. Sept. 24, aet. 91.

1760, died Grandmother, wife of above, Peter Osgood the G. Father, Martha, Sept. 20, aged, 93.

Benjamin Woodbridge the Father died 1761, Jan. 7, aet. 81.

Dudley Woodbridge, Son of Benjamin, married Dorcas March, 1763. She 17, he 29 years.

Major Osgood of Andover died 1765 aged 83.

Mary Osgood, daughter of Martha, died 1766, aet. 76.

Mary Gilman, Sister of Dudley W., died 1791, aet. 75.

The house now held by Woodbridge family in which their ancestors lived, Water & Vine st., was built by G. Father Osgood in 1697, & one story was added by Dudley W. in 1797. See the visit to examine the paintings in the Chamber by Holiman. The son Benj. brother of Dudley, was deranged 30 years, died aet. 53.

25. Yesterday was the trial of the Union Ticket for the police officers chosen by hand vote. Committees from Caucuses selected their candidates being sure to suffer the one party to be more circumspect than the other. In consequence a mixed list is offered to the records. The plea for this extraordinary conduct is that the town was so nearly divided as to put it in the power of a secret association by a small number to give a majority at their pleasure. But the dignity of a privilege enjoyed quietly would be a better motive. The true crying of this Ticket is that the Town has been led to great expences at this time of general poverty in imitation of the Capital, & as the administration of one party might make the assessments more unhappy & the Creditors to the police were chief-

ly of one party, it was secretly designed to pretend much love of Union & to connect all the leaders of both parties together in the police offices. The Citizens did not see it.

28. I visited the Jaguar from Brazil brought into this town. He agrees well enough with the description & is in good care. Mr. Bowditch invited me to see his Library for Mathematics. It is the best collection I have ever seen of modern books & I presume better than can be found at Cambridge or Boston. It had all the works of Alembert, Place, Euler, Lanibre, Lande, Newton, Leibnitz, Grange, Simson, Lumbert, & such like, besides the valuable papers of the Fr[ench] Institute & such like works, of which he generously offered me the loan.

30. Sunday. Note. James White Stearns & wife, her delivery. He of the Church, She an Emerson, g. d. of the late minister of Topsfield & her father Wm. the great land holder. My little friend Charles Forbes recollected me in his letter to his parents. The letter was sent to me. In the letter he informs that he had visited the South Sea Islands for Sandal Wood. That he saw nothing to admire or prefer in the manners of the Islanders, but they certainly were not so savage as they had been represented. As soon as all fear of superior artifice & power is lost, they admit the utmost confidence & safety. They enjoy a delightful climate & cultivate our vegetables in great perfection. Several Whites have tarried & have married among them & were in seemingly great content. But still his own convictions were against their Society. The black man with whom I conversed on the Cleopatra's Barge, seemed inclined to return because his rank in society was better secured to him. And yet after two years he left all the connections he had formed, tho indulged in personal liberty, his own parcel of ground & the quiet possession of property. His thoughts often returned for some blessings but the enjoyment of them in given circumstances made him relapse again. Charles speaks particularly of the Sandwich Islands which he visited from the Marquesas.

31. Yesterday sailed from Salem the celebrated Cleopatra's barge. The delay had been so long that the intention of a voyage was fully doubted. My Landlord & eldest son have gone in the Vessel. The first as Captain. Mr. S. C. Ward has gone as Clerk, & Mr. Strout as assistant navigator. The whole company 14 persons, boys included. I mentioned to Mr. Crowninshield that I wondered as our Minister John Adams was to return in a private vessel that this vessel was not sent as his Brother was at the head of the Naval Department. It did not appear the thing had been thought of.

April 1, 1817. I had the first view of the vessel building at the bottom of Pickman's street & a little northerly of the old Shallop Cove Harbour. Mr. Parker has undertaken. He has had

all set up in frames, according to modern customs & about half planked. She has a birch keel, some oak, & much hackmatac. He expects she will draw six feet at launching & he thinks he can command that depth of water. He has all his carpenters [from] out of town & many of them from Charlestown. A great quantity of Snow is still upon the ground from the huge masses into which it was blown.

2. The Bricks from the old Charity house on the Common have been used in building the Stalls on the market wharf. The union of parties tends to quiet all the citizens about the great expenses which have been occasioned in the past year.

3. Annual fast. Formerly a man was seen at public days of Feasts & Thanksgiving if he was never seen at any other time. But now our congregations are never so thin as upon these occasions. Formerly they were the opportunities to consider their policy & their manners. Whether we have sufficient or proper substitutes in our Caucuses experience must determine. Our Contribution as it usually has been lately, about 50 dollars, & the Silsbee donation 43 D.

What has made the fast mem[orable] in our Capital is the Sacred Music promised at the Chapel by the Handel & Haydn Society. Three evenings are appropriated, of which this is the second, for three performances of these great masters. It is said the occasion will assemble our best performers. The order of our Service this day from Mr. Perry's arrangement & assisted by Mr. Gould of Topsfield, was the German Hymn by Pleyel, Denmark, St. Michael's & Old Hundred. In the Evening, tunes in the three metres with an Anthem at the Contribution. The performance was good.

5. In this town has died George Heussler, æt. 66. He died yesterday. He came into this Country from Germany & was a Gardener. I first saw him upon the Tracy farms in Newbury Port. He afterwards came to Salem as a gardener to E. H. Derby & had the arrangement of the Danvers grounds, which have since passed to the heirs of Jacob Crowninshield & were the early possession of the Eppes family. G. Heussler was the first man who ever lived in Salem in the character of a regularly bred Gardener. He married Jenny Lunt alias Stephens of Danvers. Since Mr. Derby's death he has attached himself to no particular family but has kept a shop for seed & occasionally assisted in Gardens as invited. He had a small convenient house in Bickford street. He was a modest, well informed, & upright man & had the high esteem of all classes of our citizens. I felt always a high respect for him & a long acquaintance confirmed my good opinion. He came to Salem soon after I did. He has left no person in this vicinity systematically acquainted with horticulture, orchards & forest trees, or with grafting, transplanting & gardening.

8. News of the death of Caleb Bingham, Esqr. He had lately taken into company with him my nephew W. B. Fowle. Mr. B. kept a Bookstore in Boston for common books. He was a consistent friend of the Constitution of his Country, & an intimate friend of Honestus, or Benj. Austin. I very often found H. at his Bookstore. In the new Park Church he was almost a long ago Presbyterian in favour of Congregational Church Government. He was as consistent in his Calvinism as he was in his political zeal. A valuable man. Dr. Griffin of the Park street Ch. found it impossible to manage him.

11. Just after one P. M. we had the alarm of fire at the Lynde house now occupied by Dr. Oliver, & partly rented as a Vendue office. The fire began in a dark room used for wood but as no fire had been used for the vendue room to which this apartment was attached no doubt was left that the fire was kindled by design. In the house lived Peter O[liver] who was deranged as I saw yesterday in a great degree. As no stranger could enter this blind hole under the chamber occupied by the said Peter all care was taken to exculpate him who it is said left the house for a long walk and returned about the time of the fire. In the evening, about 10, was another alarm from a fire in the North-field. A barn with hay belonging to Col. Harthorne was burnt. This barn stood on land belonging to the Col. & no good account could be given of its fate as there was no tenement belonging to it, nor private use & the Col. lived on the Neck below the town. These resemble incendiary purposes. The fire at the Lynde house was extinguished without very much damage. The Lynde house situate in Essex street, corner of Liberty st., was in a condition to do much damage. The barn of Col. Harthorne was a mile from town & near no other building.

12. The fires of yesterday must not pass to incendiary purposes in the common sense of the term, as the first was from a madman & the other from burning the wood waxen carelessly by the neighbours as says a son of Col. Harthorne, but the Col. assures me that he has not the least doubt of incendiary purpose. To satisfy myself I went to the spot about N. W. from the Spring & 20 feet from the divisional wall & in the hollow beyond the hill, next to the spring pasture, & found that no wood waxen had been burnt in that place. That the grass burnt was to leeward of the fire & the ground covered with cinders while to windward it had scarce touched a plum tree whose roots were near the foundation of the barn. And tho every thing was consumed near the wall on the side to the barn, yet under the leeward side of the wall the leaves & every spire of grass or herb was untouched. Therefore the fire necessarily began in the barn. No wood waxen had been burnt within three quarters of a mile for the season. In the same evening a barn in the neighbourhood was robbed & several hen roosti

as the parties informed me. These barns are not proper farmer's barns but places to lodge their tools & hay upon lots owned by proprietors resident in towns & therefore not visited by the proprietors but at particular seasons & being upon the lots at some distance from the great roads & the houses. It is suspected that the gangs which meet at Orne's point may have been the authors or advisers of these depredations as some things appear more wanton than malicious. Master Dodge of the Fields accompanied me & upon my return I met John Prince, Esqr, & with him I rode to his Brother in Law's Dudley Bradstreet, who married John P's sister, second wife, having 11 children. He has a farm on the edge of Danvers, towards Topsfield, of 175 acres & still holds part of the old Bradstreet farm in Topsfield, belonging to the Gov. near the Ipswich river. We were kindly received & returned the 7 miles to Salem & were in town at 7 o'clock.

13. Sunday. Notes. David Magoun & children, d. of his mother at Pembroke, Old Colony. Thomas Magoun & wife & children, d. of his mother at Pembroke, aet. 69. She a Church. These twins have lost lately a Sister, one a wife, & now their mother. Lucia Manning, delivery, husband at sea. She a Peabody of Andover.

20. Sunday. Note. James White Stearns & wife, of Brother's Wife Eliza, W. of Joseph E. Sprague, Esq. & d. of the Hon. Bayley Bartlet of Haverhill & High Sheriff of Essex County, aet. 28. She was commended as a most worthy woman of excelling accomplishments & possessed of the best affections of all around her. She was buried yesterday from her father in law Dr. W. Stearns & it was the first example since the use of the Hearse, of the omission of pall bearers, a custom from remote times. The use of the hearse in Boston has been attended with the same great change in the form of funeral processions. The support of the pall has been in our families an opportunity to collect the friends of the family & of the deceased of the same condition, & not within the claims of kindred. It is very inconvenient to walk on the outside of a hearse & particularly when the roads are dirty or narrow. Hall's book upon open communion has made great disturbance in Salem, Boston, &c. among the Baptists. In a Conference in Salem, as the Deacon was retiring the Minister shed tears. The D[eacon] returned & used the words of Paul when his chains fell off & the Goaler was in fear. Do thyself no harm, we are all here.

21. Died this day Susanna, Wid. of William Becket, aet. 94 years. She was born at Ipswich in 1723 & lived in that place 20 years with her parents who in 1743 removed to Newmarket in New Hampshire. Her sister married Capt. Herbert from whom Herbert street is named leading by Hardy's to Derby's & with her sister she was when she married William, son of John Becket, & brother of John Becket, father of John Becket who was the third

John & who died 1804, aet. 58 & whose son John died 1816, aet. 40. Her husband W. B. died 1761, aet. 40 & married 1745 having lived 16 years with his wife & had 8 children. They lived in the Becket house which had a court before it upon Becket street. Of their posterity 26 are in town & others in Maine & elsewhere. Her son Philip escaped from the King's Boat in 1773 with his master John Becket. She has lived with her d. in law who married her Son William & was a Bates, in Ash street. Col. Harthorne, Dr. Barnard, Phy. & Apoth., Son of Revd. B. of Haverhill, & John Norris, Esqr. married the daughters of her Sister Herbert & from them she had attentions & Mrs. Norris left 15s. a week for her use during her natural life. Her sister Herbert was corpulent & died long before her. She was of a slender form, rather tall. She had lived in too great dependence ever to unfold kindly, & derived no advantages of education but of living soberly. When I came to Salem & first knew her she lived in Deacon Andrew's House, where Franklin place now is, opposite Elder Brown on the Common. She had her senses till the last, but appeared to suffer much as tho life was loath to quit its tenement. She had heard nothing of her Son Philip who probably was lost at sea, so that of her children none probably survived her. Her education was purely domestic, without any of the aids, which are afforded it. She has been able to do nothing for a living, but has never been deficient in the cares of her family. She had general health. She never appeared to feel her complaints. William Becket, son of Retire, brother of John, the father of her husband, was father of Retire, &c. & died soon after I came to Salem. He held Retire's house as John the third did in my day the house of his G. Father. John, the Br. of W. H[usband] of Susanna, lived at the other end of Becket street in Essex street & the house is not standing. She never had abundance and never felt want. She had health but not uncommon action. She had been used to excite the attention of her friends by the sense of her dependence & never had been mortified enough to have any bitterness in her complaints. Born 25 May 1723.

Same day died the wife of Jacob Ashton, Esqr., a Lee. He President of Salem Marine Insurance Company & graduated at Cambridge, from Salem, in 1766.

22. Rev. Mr. Giles with me from Newburyport. He brought a Letter from Rev. Brewer of Sheffield, England, in which he gives a melancholy picture of that place & of the nation. He professes the pure & unreformed doctrine of Calvin & all the hopes of wonders in our world. A Dr. Thompson, self taught if taught at all, & who was indicted for the murder of one of his patients & tried in Salem & acquitted, has published an address with an half sheet of doggerel poetry upon the learned professions. He is connected with Elias Smith who has given some trouble to the close Baptists in Boston. These are direct attacks upon professional men.

Whether deserved or not posterity will judge by the effects they produce. The instigation of vulgar zeal is the demand for visits by consent of the diplomatic Physicians at the moment when the political zeal is for the reduction of salaries, & pensions & wages.

23. Kept the substance of a Letter to my Br. in Law Child, inclosing 50 D. for the transportation of my Father from Walpole to Groton, which he reckons at 25 D. & the rest for his board at 3 D. a week. A more vile conduct cannot disgrace human nature than distinguishes the alienation of my Father's estate, his removal into the Country & the desertion of him away from all his friends, children & neighbours. Not a soul knew him or could have any motive to provide for him in his condition.

24. This day died Hannah Manning, aet. 78, the last of a family which had acquired great wealth in Salem. I have a table of the genealogy of the family. When I came to Salem there were two Brothers, Richard & Jacob, & three Sisters, Elizabeth, Margaret, & Hanna. They all lived in single life & accumulated a vast wealth, which is now to be distributed in the Hodges family, the children of the only Sister who was married, & to John Hodges. John Hodges married Mary Manning, Jan. 5, 1749, & in Oct. following, Mary offered herself to be qualified to receive Baptism for her Children in the Congregational form & Mary was baptised in 1752 & Benjamin in 1754, Sarah in 1755, Joseph in 1759, Richard in 1762, George in 1763, & a 2d. George in 1765, Gamaliel in 1766, & a Jacob Manning in 1768. George & Gamaliel are still living & the children of Benjamin & Mary & her children. One of Benjamin's children has married William Silsbee, Brother of Nathaniel, our member of Congress, & one of Mary's B. Crowninshield, Sec. of the Navy. Another of Mary's has married Zechariah Silsbee, Br. of W. & N. Francis Boardman, the Son, unmarried, & two d. of Benjamin. Benjamin was the Glory of the Hodges family. Hannah Manning, d. of Benjamin & Margaret Manning, lately deceased, was baptised 24 June 1739. The family died in the following order, Elizabeth Manning, Feb., 1801, aet. 72, Richard, Esqr. aet. 80, Jan., 1811, Margaret, Aug., 1813, aet. 79, Jacob, Feb., 1815, aet. 78, so that the whole of the direct heads of Richard, & members of his family are now dead. The estate is now to be divided by will, but every care is taken to conceal the amount of it. To the heirs of Mary Hodges, alias Boardman, 8 th. D. & the same to the heirs of Benjamin Hodges & the rest equally divided between George & Gamaliel Hodges. The whole amount opinion gives at 150 th. D. but it is always added it will never be known. The heirs which have the smallest part are undoubtedly best qualified to possess & enjoy the estate as the owners have not any advantages of education or improvement in any respect. Richard laid the foundation of his wealth in a little Shop kept after he left the seas. The infirm brother was taught to spend but added nothing.

The Sisters submitted to every rule of severe economy & diligence. Before I came to Salem in 1783 the Shop was shut but it was still common to enquire at the house for rare & old fashioned goods. The Sisters made gloves & took in little sewing work & they observed a strict regard to much staying at home & receiving little company. They lived in a great neatness & plainness & generally on the best as cheapest. They offered no mean food to their guests.

25. This day was buried Hannah Manning mentioned at the last date. It was the first time the Hearse appeared in the Eastern part of Salem without pall holders. Very few of the relations appeared. They who profitted from the will directed the funeral ceremonies. Mrs. B. with her heirs, was discontent with 8 th. dollars while others for no reason at last shared 60 th. The heirs of Benj. Hodges let humanity & decency triumph over injury. A few couple among the relations & a few men behind made the short procession. The horse in the hearse was unruly & caused us to stop several times, but we reached the grave. Not a Cent was left for any charity foreign or domestic, nor has one been promised by the male heirs who will have what the world will never count the greater part of the estate.

27. Sunday. Notes. Mary Becket, Wid. of Samuel Becket, & of the Son of Susannah Becket, for the death of her Mother in law, aged 94 years & her children. Wid. Judith Larabee, d. of g. m. Becket. She a g. d. by her mother who married Thomas Rhue & has died & her husband. The Brother & Sister of S. B. are in Maine & part of her posterity, in all 36. G. Hodges & wife, d. of Hannah Manning. The shameful inequality of the will prevented the heirs & branches of B. Hodges & Mary Boardman from any notice & Gamaliel had long since left our Congregation. Everyday tells us that the disproportion is great & it is now believed that George & Gamaliel H. will share above 100 th. D. while the others, more deserving but less intriguing, will share only 8 th. The blame, however, falls upon George, as Gamaliel had been detected & expelled before the death of the widow of Benjamin. They had great confidence in George & the event is as we see. We think with horroir of these transactions, but in getting money we see too little moral sense, &c. We have a Master Thompson in Salem, remembered for his 15 day fast to recover his mother of the Dropsy. He says another spot on the Sun, 25 May, & a famine. He takes the 25 days of the sun's revolution to begin with the lunar months.

28. Esqr. Prince sent me word that Capt. Joseph Barker died yesterday, aet. 57. He was a man of excellent mind & had obtained a great property, but the seizure of his vessel in Sweden & the events of the war reduced his property much. He built in the upper part of Marblehead, a pier which guarded his Vessels from the dangers of that exposed harbour & was the first who distinguished himself in this way. I felt greatly indebted to him for his hospitality. He was President of Marblehead Bank.

29. Yesterday died Mary, wife of Col. Pickman, aet. 76. While her husband was in Europe & in my passing through Salem to Beverly, I experienced much attention from her & she then was one of the best women in Salem or the world. She was a d. of Bezaliel Tappan, at first a Physician & then a Merchant. Upon the return of her husband they, after some years, left the mansion house of his Father & went to her own Father's in Essex street below Beckford street & after that he was confined & I saw nothing of her. I had the highest respect for her. She remained with her family during the whole Revolution while her husband, Brother in Law Frye, & others left the country. She was undisturbed during all the events of the war, & did not leave Salem. She had a fine person, a dignity of deportment, a correct behaviour with her servants, a reverence from her children & took the first place among the ladies by their full consent. She had her children educated in the absence of her husband, preserved every portion of her estate, was admitted to all circles and considered too sacred to be touched by the violence of parties. The Son, Col. Benj., has filled our first Civil Offices & is of the Council. The younger brother is a Merchant in Boston. The only d. married Esqr. Osgood of Andover, formerly clerk of the Essex Court, who had for his first wife a daughter of Clark Pickman, Br. of Col. Pickman, senr.

May 1, 1817. Last evening upon my return I found a message from N. Silsbee Esqr. informing me that Lt. Gen. Lallemand was at his house for an hour in the evening. He was accompanied by Mr. LeGrange of Boston. I found in him all I might expect from the firm friend of Napoleon. His person good, his system like his mind for ready action, at home everywhere, free, cheerful, interesting. He assures us that the resignation of Napoleon to the English was not by his advice. That he negotiated it with Capt. Maitland when determined. There was everything to make him welcome in the United States. I offered him all the services in my power in Salem & its vicinity. At Joseph Barker's funeral in Marblehead, everything was respectful which a long procession & the expression of general esteem could supply. But four children, two of each sex, immediately after a corpse, without parents & by advance events without patrimony, was not a sight for the tender hearted. Ought not these children to have been led by their kindred. He was lodged in the Barker ground near the powder house. Madam Pickman buried this day had all the respect of the citizens of Salem & she deserved more than they could pay her. But the undissembled sincerity of Marblehead had the deeper interest & defied a representation.

5. Visited at Gunnison's on Danvers plain, Salem side, with Archer family & 8 of us came home in a wagon with one horse & four rode behind in a Chaise. A curious adventure not without hazard.

6. News from Beverly of d. of Joseph Chipman. He lived long a single life in Salem as a blockmaker, married late in life & lived upon his patrimony. His father was the minister in Upper Beverly. He was a hospitable man, but mistook his talents when with father White of Gloucester & some of his neighbours he attacked Father Balch of Bradford. The son was a very singular man & peculiarly singular in his phrases. He was no benefit to the Parish as he was for settling Stone, whom Brookfield would willingly give up, instead of Dow who succeeded Oliver. That parish settled Hitchcock after Father Chipman & he removed to Providence, then heard Parsons who settled at Lynn & then settled Oliver who withdrew & then Dow, who has also removed & settled at York. At present they are without a minister & Chipman held a seat at St. Peter's in Salem. He was an excellent mechanic & friendly where he took, as the phrase goes. Our Military examination day. The Militia Companies in their parades. The Light Infantry, Cadets, Mechanic Light Infantry, Artillery & Horse on W. Square. The uniform troops look & behave well. Under the command of Lander, White, Robins & Whipple. The Horse, Peabody, Major.

8. Letter from Rev. P. Dickinson, Walpole, says my Father provided for a 3 D. Wrote to W. B. Fowle & to David Child representing my oppression & the disgrace of such transactions. I hope whatever we suffer we shall never disgrace ourselves by publishing our shame. I sent 10 D. to Dickinson & 5 D. to Fowle. It seems my Father is removed from 5 D. to 3 D. board into a poor but faithful family. And his estate is gone. O the villainy. It has been my hard lot to maintain a parent whose alienation from the only friend who had an estate made it necessary for me to renounce his offers. I have had to maintain him in part through life, & most of his children, & now the whole is thrown upon me. I must be patient. But I know not where it will end. Thomas had his hundreds, John his whole family cast upon me. Mary & her family. The ch. of Elizabeth, less than any. Samuel poor.

9. We had our Sacred Concert at the Universal M. last Wednesday night. The company was a good one. The Instruments good, better than the voices. Females not distinguished. Hart sung the Air "This World is all a Fleeting Show," Shaw, & brought the first burst of Applause. Most of the parts from Handel. It was a good beginning & the best we ever had in Salem. As I know none of the performers I know not to whom we are indebted. The music gallery is a semicircle rising like an Amphitheatre. The circle was illumined as were the seats with good effect. Few lights elsewhere so as to give the strength of the light in the Choir. We had several bass viols & Clarionets, but the Violin was played with the best effect.

Died at Beverly, Joseph Chipman, aet. 79, son of Revd. John

Chipman of Upper Beverly, who died in 1775. The venerable father married a g. d. of the Rev. J. Hale of Beverly, & Sister of Col. Hale, & afterwards a Warren, by which he was connected with the family of my G. F. Paine by his wife's relations in Roxbury. His son Joseph lived long without marriage, had a dispute about premises & died & left his 2d wife insane with 2 children. He was a pompous man of great singularity of words but not with out great virtues.

10. The wife of W. Gray, the eminent merchant of Boston, late of Salem, was a d. of John Chipman, attorney, who lived in Maine & was a Councillor at Law. Several daughters of this family. A sister of Joseph Chipman married Miles Ward & is still living in the Derby Mansion House on Hardy street, Salem.

12. The Fishery has been successful this season. Two vessels had returned from the banks with their first fares, one of 15 & the other with 17 th. fish, out but 7 weeks. Fish is in good demand in the West Indies so that the fares are profitable. These were at Marblehead. We cannot refuse our best wishes to Marblehead. No people suffered more exquisitely & yet they retained their integrity till the last, unshaken in the greatest events. Manchester, by the Boston Merchants, lost all their independence & were uniformly opposed to the spirit in Marblehead. Let any man judge of these two fishing towns in any point in which man has any value in himself or for man.

18. Sunday. The determination of Mr. Worcester of Salem to have the last word in the controversy of the Trinity, has suggested whether a system of answers should not be kept up. In consequence an answer has appeared to his last pamphlet & a review of the controversy. If Mr. W. deems it improper to answer an anonymous writer, let him or his friends answer anonymously. He may then persevere to have the last word, & the controversy will be kept open & the orthodox be sure to suffer. It is the determination of the Southern Clergy to prevent the spread of the Controversy. We shall see whether the pride of answering will leave the Anti T. the last book.

19. Last Saturday was the Sale of the Leases of the Stalls in the New Fish Market. These are upon the new wharf below the New Market House at the end of the Wharf. So very desirous were the purchasers to be ready on the First day, that not a fish was left for sale at Union wharf. Everything was bought & nothing to be delivered but at the New Market, tho they had evidently more than they could reasonable hope to sell. All our new regulations are out together. The Police Officers have forbidden Disorderly Meetings of persons in the streets in the evening & the smoaking tobacco in the streets. We have been much annoyed by gangs of boys in the corners of the streets in the evening. This evil has followed the frequent night meetings which have withdrawn heads

of families from their homes. The Health Committee has denounced the persons who have injured the Hospital, &c. These are young gunners & such young persons as travel the Neck on Sundays & find their sports & incentives at Fort Lee, which ought no longer to be licensed as a place for spirituous liquors. The Health Committee has also published the Bye Laws & by a meeting weekly has provided for the execution of them. By these Bye Laws no filth can be put in the streets or docks, the fish & oyster markets are regulated, the moving or landing of any thing offensive, or the introducing for sale anything damaged as used for food. These regulations are highly expedient & deserve regard.

20. Mr. Upton at the Neck has made the new road passable from Neck gate along by the divisional fence between the town lands reserved for the Charity House & the Pasture. He has several cross fences for the convenience of his plowed lands. Wells on the Neck farm has raised a cross building on the E. side of his barn yard across the farm road. Mr. Upton has wonderful success. So much labour as the new road has never been done since the settlement upon the Neck & town lands. Col. Harthorne has offered his Lots at Point of Rocks for sale or lease. It is said he has named 300 D. reserving the Mansion House & Garden. But just at this time much real estate is for sale & few purchasers. Very's house & lot in Northfields was suffered to pass to the widow without a bid at auction over 500 dollars.

22. We have three vessels building in Salem. A Ship & 2 Schooners. One of the Schooners at Brigg's, S. fields, opp. Union Wharf, the other at Shallop cove, bottom of Pickman street, the Ship at Hawkes, for Philips, between Derby wharf & Foot's point, near Daniels street & old building yard. No house building, but repairs throughout the town of barns, outhouses & fences. Many sales of houses, the more as estates for several years have been retained for a better opportunity. Before the war real estate beyond all calculation & the fall has been with distress to speculators & with many serious sacrifices.

23. In visiting the Vessel to be launched at next full tides in Shallop's Cove, below Pickman street, so called, I examined for the first time the plentiful springs at the foot of the bank N. W. from the street, & near the shore. These springs were unobserved before from the inclosed state of the lots till the present time & because the path round the shore was over the bank to avoid the marsh below. The whole bank continues its discharge & in four places continual streams were formed & two of them were accommodated for use by troughs, & proper receptacles. The water is the best, & the springs are in a bed of clay. One of the Open Springs was at the bottom of the street. These might be made of great advantage for distilleries & other arts requiring a constant & rich supply of the best water. Last night was felt a small shock of an

Earthquake. The air was calm & the barometer had been gradually sinking & therm. rising. I perceived it, but as the carriages had been passing through the night for a ball, I conceived that some carriage had been driven furiously & dashed to pieces, but hearing no voice I went to sleep again.

24. Dr. Daniel Berry, late Schoolmaster in the East part of Salem for the Town, yesterday sold all his effects to remove to Nashville, Ten., upon invitation. The sums offered him are large. He was never publicly educated, but had part of a medical education. We have our greatest fears of his success because the sphere in which he excelled was a very small one. His wife, a Farnum of Andover & relative of Gen. Dearborn's first wife, is to have a School of females. Our best wishes accompany them for their decent manners & past usefulness.

25. Sunday. For the first time I baptised a Child for J. W. Stearns at the evening service before the usual service began. It had been our invariable practice to perform this office after the Sermon. But Mr. Stearns claiming the practice of the Boston & Salem Churches & the thing being in itself indifferent it was granted. It is said this change has been made for sometime & begun with Mr. Lowell in Mayhew's meeting. The plea is the long absence of parents from children they nurse, & the disturbance their presence during the prayers & sermons may create. Changes are not to be judged in themselves only.

26. At Marblehead, 26 Sail of Schooners have arrived from their spring's fare averaging 16,000 fish each, as by Letter from John Prince, Esqr., Chairman of the Selectmen. Saw an engraving of Pr. Munroe from a Painting by T. Gimbred, at Washington. This is the first I have ever seen. We are expecting a visit from the new President.

27. We have never seen a better disposition to cultivate every spot of ground in Salem. We have few private buildings to be raised this season. Two of our Mechanics, masons, are gone to Montreal to build this season.

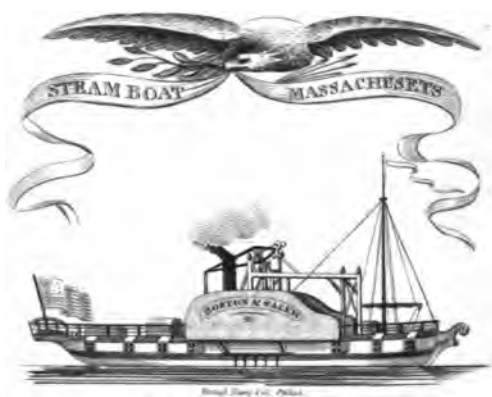
28. In the afternoon with Hanna I went to visit Br. Joseph Mottey in Lynnfield, about 8 miles. I found him at home with his daughter & Sister which makes his family. He was inducted into the ministry on the same day with me, 24 Sept., 1783. He has a small & a poor parish but he has all the benignity & accommodation to his situation which we love. He tells me Frothingham has left Saugus, where Father Roby was, the Methodists being too powerful for him. The Methodists by gaining an establishment in Old Lynn, which was before divided between the Friends & the N. E. Church, have more influence in this neighbourhood than in any other part of N. E. The Baptists are crowding in but they are few & profit more from the condition of the large Church. Four have left Old Lynn from Cong. Ch. since I knew it. Frothingham

had not the talents for such a situation, & it was wonderful that he held out so long. Mr. M[ottey] has a pleasant house on the site of the former parsonage but the Glebe is now his own & the Manse. He has a very agreeable family. He has promised to obtain for me the papers of my old friend Dr. John Perkins, the author of the Theory of Agency & of Comets. He spent his last days in Lynnfield. He died in 1780. He lived in Middle street, Boston, next door southward of my Uncle, Deac. S. Ridgway between him & Capt. Loring, a house afterwards held by Dr. Rand till he removed southerly in Boston. In the house of Dr. P., which was purchased by Deacon Ridgeway, lived last his son in law Wilds, about the 4th H[ouse] southerly from Bridge street.

29. Saw the Carpenters fixing the fence for the Court entering east of the First Church & running parallel with Derby Square having only the house lately occupied by S. Gray, Esqr., & before by N. Goodale, Esqr. The buttresses were turned so as to face eastward on the western side of the Court, & in the middle of this Court is a road passing between the buildings on Derby Square into Market Square. The Court runs hence to Lawrence's distillery & for the S. W. square of a few feet it is said Capt. Lawrence gave one thousand dollars. If as has often been proposed the old Church should be taken away & another built as has been named on Barton Square, the whole would be better accomodated better for business than for a church in such a situation. A Street is opened opposite to Beckford Street, a little further up, leading from Essex Street to Chestnut street. A general repair of Houses & fences.

30. This day was launched on the shore below Pickman street into Shallop Cove, a Schooner of 120 tons built for Mr. Parker near his mansion house. No part of Salem has changed so much as this cove since I knew Salem. The filling up of the marshes & of East street, the great quantity of earth brought from the center of the town by the sluice emptying into it & the buildings & improvements around it has changed the depth very much. No house lot extended to it when I came & its shores were only for pastures. We now find from Roaches point at the Charity house a road upon the eastern part of the Cove & this part filled up. Then from the Old Neck gate, Dalrymple's buildings out & the lands in cultivation, till we come to the Ropewalks between which are Briggs' court & buildings, Andrew & Pickman streets, besides Pleasant street which brings buildings below Winter street. Then Osgood's wharf, & the landings on the northwest side & the wharf at Planters marsh belonging to Pearce & Wait, which is very large & all the marshes drained & inclosed with passages upon all the lots to the shore & wharves. A change which must appear great & a population & cultivation new.

31. Southfields. A Schooner at Briggs' Shipyard launched this week.



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June 1, 1817. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Mary Hutchinson with her child, d. of her grandson Joseph Ropes, aet. 28. Both parents dead. He died abroad in Havannah. She has five grandchildren abroad at sea. Her husband died after I came to Salem & was not of Salem, but from Beverly. Widow Lydia Pierce, sick. Wid. of Ebenezer P. She was a Brown & brought up under Dr. Sewall of Boston & was a Sister to the late Mary Berry. One of the best of good women having stability, great discretion, a useful & friendly disposition.

2. Capt. J. Prince gave me the hints of Capt. John Selman's expedition to the G[ulf] of St. Lawrence in 1784. He died last Friday. Capt. J. S. I have known for many years & of no man's integrity & natural good sense had I a higher opinion. A general account of him & of his expedition is prepared for the paper of next Wednesday. To Capt. J. S. I introduced all such gentlemen as wish to see the curing of fish on our shores such as Gov. Claiborne, Pope, &c. I was astonished to find a man more tenacious of the hopes of his country, than of life & all his property, when his native modesty declined the humblest offices, when his love of industry was almost the love of labor for labors sake and when he cared for no opinions which could [not] be reconciled to personal or public happiness. I shall hold Capt. S. as a model of the temper & character which are to bless mankind.

3. The blowing up of the quarter deck of the Canton Packet in Boston Harbour by the mad resentment of a black man because he was not allowed yesterday to go to election will explain the true spirit of our free blacks & the still bewitching influence of what they call election. A small black girl in our own family whom we reclaimed from extreme ignorance & poverty we were obliged to indulge in going to election as she was too restless at home to be of any use till these days were over. Such as have no excentricities at any other time have them in these. And yet most of them without a penny have no other amusement than in a long walk & absence from home, the most fatiguing dances & the never ceasing sound of the violin, & return exhausted, dirty, ragged & often hungry & emaciated.

5. This evening the long expected Steam Boat arrived. It is said that it had some new constructions which had failed of their effect. It excites great curiosity but has less confidence from the repeated disasters which have attended it. Three Companies have been destroyed already by it. So the best inventions lose favour by falling into unskillful & adventurous hands.

6. The Steam Boat at White's wharf opposite Carlton street. The end of the Wharf is fenced so as to prevent the interference of the Crouds which the novelty collects. The conversation is not so much of the machinery as of the profit the boat may give & the months it may be used. The Owners are speculating upon the profits also, as well as their neighbours.

8. Sunday. The Salem Ass. formed at my ord. is transferred to other hands. What in the days of Bernardson, &c. was directed by the most enlightened & best informed is now directed by Worcester & his adherents & this week they assemble in the house erected for Daniel Hopkins. We object not to opinions but to the want of talents. We lament the success of the fanatical, not of the regular clergy. To the men whose indiscretions have exposed us to the ravages of the most illiterate fanatics, brought in by the folly of those who have practiced the same arts for the same popularity. Instead of Dr. Payson of Chelsea, that Church is with Boston & we have no person. At Lynn have been four ministers all ejected or seperated. At Saugus, Lynn parish, Frothingham who followed Roby, ejected or retired, & Methodists obtain. Lynnfield has never been with us. Wenham has no ministers. Upper Beverly no minister. Topsfield & Linebrook, Ipswich, no minister. The ministers of Gloucester, Manchester, &c. are of the new sect. So of Danvers & Marblehead. One Minister of Marblehead, Mr. Bartlet, & one of Danvers, Dr. Wadsworth, may be better inclined. Upon the whole the literature & reputation of the Clergy has declined & we have not men to stand as high in this generation as the last did in their times. We object not to the sects but to the management by which they enter as unfavorable to their own eventual comfort & usefulness. The associations which obtain have the full patronage of the ministers of religion.

9. Visited Nahant for the first time & found my friend W. Breed had left the farm on the great Nahant & had moved into town not far W. of the Friend's M[ee]ting House. He has two sons, not in good health, who do business in the shoe line. He has put Jesse Lee upon the Nahant farm. This man has lived 12 y. at Saugus & has a good name as a farmer. The weather was not pleasant for Nahant. Fr. Needham's g. d. was with me, as her brother was at Lynn. Friend Wood, aet. 84, at Nahant, still lives.

12. Saw the Steam Boat Mass[achusetts]. She was under repair. It seems the Engineer Watkins had undertaken many things new, but not with the greatest success. As the works were apart & he not present, it was not easy to see the first design & the intended changes. The accomodations are much such as G. C[rowninshield]'s Barge. A Saloon with a stern apartment to open & communicate with the saloon at pleasure. The wheels are to be of a different construction. Speculation is endless. They speak of the expences as enormous, of the great expenditures of fuel, of the high wages of the engineer, so as to render it unquestionable that the passage of the S[team] B[oa]t from Salem to Boston a few months can never be a profitable undertaking. The disposition is however unfavourable from the prejudices which many occurrences in the management have left.

13. Our thoughts are upon the reception of the President. To

our selectmen are added a Committee. The Ch. of the Selectmen at Marb[lehead] tells me that a party of the Selectmen had resolved them into a committee and chosen a chairman, which would be overruled. We are quite tame in Salem. Care has been taken to make it a town expence & then little will be paid by the rich or done by the poor. But we are in all our towns unanimous to do honour to the President. Mr. C. of N. P. has given me a polite letter of Introduction. Mr. Lord with me on the subject of Denison of Ipswich. They have a company military which takes up the name.

16. G. Son of G. Hodges, & Eb. son of J. Harthorne, had blows in Carlton street upon the subject of abuse of H[annah], the d. of Hodges. It seems long since E. H. addressed H[annah], d. of G. H[odges] & was refused by the Father. Some attempts were made to impeach me & basely as was confessed virtually by the party. The inheritance from the Mannings has kindled the flames upon the loss of the girl & the brute is outrageously angry. It makes a great theme of conversation & obliges a recollection of the past. H[annah] H[odges] was a favorite often among my chosen friends. She is absent at Portsmouth happily. We seldom have these outrages among our best families. But the insults were inhuman & base.

17. Was for the first time at Mr. Baldwin's E. of Salem square, upon a family visit. They have a spacious house, outhouses and gardens & great appearance of full prosperity. 4 daughters. She a. g. d. of J. Vincent. V's family has been less fortunate in some other branches. Thomas & Matthew have failed. Palfrey, one son in law, left home & Chisholm failed. Joseph well. One [dau.] m. a Browne, another a Dalrymple. The buildings round the Market are rising fast and the Hall of the Market House is to be fitted for President's Visit, which will probably be the first use of it, after it is finished.

18. We are all deeply interested in the visit of the President. He has reached the City of New York, & may be expected next week in New England.

19. Fitting up our Steam Boat. Preparing for President. Ten chosen girls to prepare the Town Hall. Platform taken up at the redoubt near the Hospital for the Charity House. All our papers are full of the visit of the President. Our Friend Prince at Marblehead is warm to vindicate the rights of the Selectmen to represent the town, tho assisted as Selectmen. Capt. John Prince being rep. Chairman & so obnoxious to the opposition interest in which Reed, late M. of C[ongress], French, a Lawyer, & the Hoopers are the leaders. The contest is sharp.

20. The University to be active upon the visit of the P. To give him a degree, LL. D. & to have the Pr[ofessor] of Oratory to deliver a Latin Salutatio, McKeen, who has been careless in his invectives in his Pr. Chair, in the pupil, & in every conversation. A

man of talents, ambition & perseverance. But he sees fit to comply on this occasion. We are unwearied in the present occasion. The fine weather allows my sea bath.

22. Sunday. This my birthday, aet. 58, about the age when T. Norton, A. Eliot & Son, Wilstead, S. Cooper, were dismissed from their duty. Note. John Hunt & wife, d. of George Shaw, an adopted Child under their care, aet. 16, at sea. Mr. H. & Wife had done everything to promote the real welfare of this orphan. In the visit of the President the Clergy entirely disappear. We see no place assigned them in these civilities. They mix with their fellow citizens & no particular notice is taken in the printed accounts of them in any of our great cities or of their services.

23. Hon. B. Crowninshield reached Salem last evening & left the Pr[esident] at New Haven. He had been indisposed at Washington & his wife went on to him. They brought with them Sally, d. of Jacob C. from N. York. Mr. Z. Silsbee went on as a companion to Mrs. C. & Dr. Berry & wife for Tennessee.

24. The present state of our Regiment is hardly to be preferred. The resignations which have taken place & the propositions made to officer the volunteer companies have completely embarrassed it. In the mean time the Companies have made some elections, which provide very sparingly for military talents. Had the visit of the President been anticipated earlier, things would have been better. Our Civil list & our Committees have as good a Character as we could wish. We have not our W. Square in good order but our new public buildings, our Charity House, Town Hall, & Market, Stone Goal here, would dishonour no incorporation.

26. Visited the Charity House in company with some friends & took tea at the Neck farm. Found everything in fine order. Seven rooms going, saw the School rooms, the Shoemaker's apartments, the Hospital, the dining rooms, cook rooms. All seemed content. They were preparing to remove the old Pest House back for a barn & were removing the earth from the hill behind the house. Small Gardens were under the front walls of the buildings & a road round. We had every attention from a Miss Richardson who lives in Mr. Upton's family. One coloured person gave us a song she had made about the house. One Sweden, his whimsical drawings. Several deranged persons.

27. Was on the Neck to see the experiment of the Steam Boat. She moved with the velocity which was promised of 8 miles an hour. The public attention is excited towards this experiment but at present it has but a small share of the public confidence, for any use to which we can apply it in this port. The S. Boat went down channel below the Haste & then passed Eagle Island Channel to Marblehead & then the southern way to Salem. The number of persons to view was great considering the uncertain notice from some doubts about the first trials after several alterations in the Mechanism.

29. Sunday. Note. John Ward & wife & children, d. of their youngest son, Thomas Dean W., aet. 16. She was the youngest d. of Capt. Dean, one of the most gentleman like men of his times in his manners & accomplishments & lived at the Corner of Essex & Turner st. & married a Cash. We have had many losses of our young men at sea lately in all our Commercial towns. Mr. Dabney, a Candidate of Salem, has lately preached in Boston. The College complain of the fastidious taste of Boston, so different from former times. The truth is the style of preaching in Boston is different from that of the Country & particularly the manners of the pulpit. And the Ministers out of town have been free in their censures, while the ministers in town have relied on the favour of their friends to repel the aggression. And besides it is best not to let the people recover prejudices which must separate the younger from the elder part of the Audiences. Lately Mr. Norton of Weymouth exchanged with Channing having been about the same degree advanced in Unitarianism. Norton found in the Fed[eral] St. Church a large audience in the morning. He praised the emotions he felt. No warning could prepare him. In the evening service had not the preaching of another minister in Brattle street from the country driven some to hear Mr. Channing, he must have seen a difference still greater than that which vexed him. Mr. D. told me that the College Officers saw this caprice & thought they were too freely used without any care to provide for them on all the occasions of the Boston Ministers. Pr. McKeen, he said, at Election time displayed all the warmth of his temper on this subject before the Country ministers. But Norton cannot preach on Ez's wheels & John's horses as he may do in the Country congregations.

My Br. in Law David Child, & nephew W. B. Fowle were with me about my father's affairs. They represent D[awes] as quite insensible of the part he had acted. I have to maintain my Father. The family speak of the recovery of the estate but D[awes] did not engage the estate for the maintenance, but the penalty of the bond is a sum of money.

30. The experiments on the Steam Boat have not increased the public favour. It is represented that the Contractor is an ignorant pretender of this County. That he has failed in all his attempts. That his inventions to avoid the Fulton Patent are pretences ruinous to his employers. It is said that one of Brown's boats lays useless in the Delaware, that another is abandoned and the one at Salem was much injured in her passage, & has failed in some thing on every attempt. It is said in the experiment last made the steam unsoldered some parts of the works. Indeed some imitation has appeared from the want of public confidence.

July 1, 1817. An invitation to celebrate 4 July with the Mechanic Association. The Letter is from Thomas Needham, Secretary, & Samuel Gray, Chairman. The order of procession & place of

Dinner are announced. It is expected the Company will be large & the escort will be the Mechanic L. Infantry. The Steam Boat will go to Boston to meet the Pr[esident] on the morrow. The first Company will be Proprietors. We do not hear of pressing requests to be admitted on the first trial. John Prince, Esqr., Marblehead, with me tells of finding parts of fossil bones on M. Neck. He describes them of mammoth size & since the first has found a second in the same place. He is enthusiastic in his purposes to preserve the history of the Naval adventures of Marblehead. He claims the heroism of taking the British Sloop of War Lively, Capt. Michael Stanhope, Comm., Nov., 1782, & of carrying her into Havanna.

3. The Steamboat returned. Passage 3 hours to Boston, distance bet. 20 & 21 miles. Another steamboat has burst the boiler between Newport & New London. It is said the Fulton boats have not been injured but the persons busy to avoid the patent. Ours has been under frequent repairs, but rather less swift in its movements than was expected. It was said would not return to Salem from the strength of prejudice against it. Yet this day returned & notice has been given of the intended passage of the next morning by the bell man. We heard the roar of cannon at Boston this day while the President was with them.

4. The Day of Independence. We had the usual report of drums, bells, & cannon. We had a display of colours, but the character of the Day was given from the association of Mechanics. To see 200 men in easy circumstances & in good order in proud procession, contented & happy was no mean sight, especially when the present has so different an aspect on the condition of these men in many countries. The 200 dined together & might have been joined by many others could the apartment have admitted them.

5. We feast on the happiness of our Capital. The President came on Wednesday last and will not leave till Tuesday. The arrangements to meet him were great but the numbers were in no calculation. His Home was at the Exchange Coffee House, as may be seen from the printed account of every occurrence, & he was addressed there. He dined with Ex-President Adams at this place, in company with the Gov., Lt. Gov., Gentlemen of the Army & Navy, of the College & Courts, Clergy & other Guests. On the 3rd he breakfasted with Gen. Miller & visited the Ships & fortifications. On 4th he breakfasted with Comm. Bainbridge & visited the Arsenal at Watertown, was to be at Boston at the Cincinnati Oration & a Collation was to be prepared by the Executive. On the 5th to be at Charlestown & dine with the Gov. at Medford, & to attend an Oratorio in Chauncey place in the Evening. On 7th Monday to review the Brigade & dine with President Adams &c.

Yesterday died in Salem, Capt. Simon Forrester, aet. 71. He was said to be from Waterford in Ireland. He was an apprentice to Capt. Daniel Harthorne, Union Street, & afterwards, much

against the wishes of the parents, married one of his daughters. With a mind full of superstition, with a temper as boisterous as a tempest & with habits of occasional intemperance like a ship, without a helm, he still retained so much of his industry in the active parts of life as to have more than common success. And for the last ten years when confined mostly to his bed, & often threatened by the civil magistrate, he accumulated by the gifts of fortune so as to die the richest man in Salem. His wealth is given at 14 h. th. D. He has two sons, one of which is at sea, & very dissipated, the elder at home as a Merchant. The eldest d. married a Merchant, the second a Physician, the third a priest. His will gives a sum to his widow, an equal sum to his Sons & d. but possession to the first & the interest only to the parents during life, so that the sons in laws have the interest only at their disposal. He has given 15 h. D. to the poor, to be given them for a dinner annually from the interest at the discretion of the Overseers. He lived in Derby street between Curtis & Herbert street.

6. Sunday. Note. Samuel Silsbee & wife & children, d. of their eldest son Nath. at sea from the yards of the Brig El[iza] & Mary, Beadle, in six days after leaving Salem, in Sept. last, being 14th, pr. for absent friends. This is the third young man of whom we have notice lately from our society. Martha Silsbee, aet. 86 d. of her g. son above, pr for a son & g. son at sea. She a Prince, g. d. of Deacon Prince.

7. In decorating the hall for the reception of the President on the morrow it was my purpose to encourage a display of portraits such as could be found of the fathers of Mass. particularly of the County of Essex. I could supply in paintings, Endicott, & Leverett, & Capt. Curwen, our first Merchant & Captain of Horse, & F. Higginson, our first Minister. I could give in Chalks, Winthrop, & Bradstreet, the first & last old Charter Governour, besides W. Raleigh, the first discoverer on the Atlantic & Drake on the western Ocean. I had Curwen, g. son of Capt. C., the minister of Salem, the Mathers, & several Boston ministers of the past century, with many characters of the revolution, Army & navy, & Civil list. But it was overruled in favour of history paintings such as of naval actions, &c.

8. I went with Mr. C[rowninshield], Sec. of the Navy, with his Coach & four to receive the President at Lynn. He arrived soon after and was received at the Hotel on the turnpike. Part of the Horse of Essex was here to receive him. The inhabitants with their children were assembled on the Common with their artillery & Militia & the reception was such as could have been wished. Arches were formed upon the turnpike with flags of the Union & upon one was displayed a Shoe with decorations shewing it to be the staple of the Town. We reached Marblehead before twelve. In the suits were the Navy Officers, besides the Gov. of Mass., Sheriff

of Essex, & private gentlemen. At Marblehead we were received before we entered the town at the foot of the rocks & upon the height on the left were the cannon displayed & the Artillery company placed. The independent company of Infantry did the honours of the day. Near the parade, on Town hill, lately put in good order, with new railing, and upon the street were exhibited on the right a very large & most delightful company of young females, all in white & the best sight of that kind which I had ever seen. These the procession passed & left on the hill & we proceeded to Ray's Tavern where the president was received. He mounted his horse as soon as he was met by the Committee leaving his Carriage in the procession. He entered Ray's, took some refreshment & passed a few minutes with Mr. Read, M. of Congress, at the Sewall house, in the best style in the place. Returned & visited the fort & upon his return visited a fish flake field & a fish house, made some enquiries & heard the remarks of the good fisherman & then under the salutes, ringing of bells, & shouts of the Citizens, set out for Salem. He moved rapidly. He reached the Mills after 3 o'clock. Was received by the Selectmen & Committee & the artillery were placed on the right along the shore. Then the Independents headed the procession, the horse before, & we passed over the South river bridge into Market street, upon Essex, into Court, by Marlborough, into Federal street. Then passing Boston street we came to the procession head of Essex street. Here the body of Citizens were assembled. I dismounted & joined the Ministers in the place assigned by the Committee & under an escort of the Horse & Infantry passed to the Salem Coffee house at which the procession dispersed. Hence the president passed to the Town Hall to hear the address & then returned to a collation made on the occasion at which the guests were numerous. Here, after toasts from the President, Governor & many of the company, before nine the President went again to the Town Hall, where he was received by a most brilliant assembly of Ladies, & by our best citizens. All the bells of the Town rang during the procession. All the flags were displayed at the shipping. The Common was prepared by Marquees & field tents. The Review was rather late, on account of a small shower which fell. The Horse, the artillery of the Regiment under Col. Russel, the four independant Companies, & Regiment were reviewed on Washington Square. In the evening were sky rockets. The town was all in quiet after nine o'clock & when I returned I found all lights out in the tents for the entertainment of the day. The President supported the whole with great appearance of being free from fatigue & with all the tokens of approbation which belonged to the various situations in which he was placed. He noticed the children, the aged & all who were introduced or had claims from public honour. At the hall he had all the condescension which is most winning in polite circles. Upon the whole it was an interest-

ing, affectionate, & most memorable interview. The Hall was festooned very handsomely & illuminated with pleasing effect. The green best by day, the gold by night. The address from Mr. Pickman I did not hear, nor as yet have I had the conversation about it. Many of the Guests I have seen & with many conversed.

9. This day the President was at the Charity House, the fort, the museum, & Athenaeum & was received at Hon. N. Silsbee's, Hon. B. Pickman's & at B. C[rowninshield's], the Secretary of the Navy & in the evening at Judge Story's. Nothing is omitted than can give him pleasure.

10. He passed to breakfast with Hon. J. Thorndike at Beverly. He was saluted from the Revenue Cutter & Cannon on shore while passing the Bridge, which was superbly decorated with Flags, an Arch & such festoons as at a short notice the Beverly Ladies prepared. He returned soon by the New Mills & spent the day much in retirement at the Sec. of the Navy's. I dined with him & in the evening he was visited by the principal ladies of the town. As no person but the Sec. & his family were at table, we conversed of principia non homines & such things freely.

11. This day the President waited upon Joseph Peabody, Esqr., merchant of Salem & the wealthiest man now living in it. Upon his return to the Secretary's he stepped in & visited us. He was much at home for the day & in the evening was at Capt. Stephen White's & there was received by a very brilliant assembly of Ladies, who were attended by the gentlemen of the Town. As this would probably be the last interview, it collected more than any former one but with less comfort from over stowing. The President however may have done too much as he hardly had time to breathe. But the question was everywhere, have you seen him? And this eager curiosity it would have been cruel to indulge & even gratify. I presented him the Gold headed walking Cane of the late Gen. Knox, Sec. of War, & the very elegant Tobacco box of Silver, with a wrought China top, received from China.

12. This morning after 7, the President took his departure for Ipswich through Danvers, with an escort of horse & with about 40 truck men in frocks mounted on their horses. The last notice we heard was from the ringing of the Danvers Bell. The intended Visit of the President directed our attention to the influence of such Visits in former times. Endicott's locations, Winthrop's visits, Endicott's visits from Boston with the Horse & his reception at Hollingworth's on the land between East street & Essex street & opposite the new street called Carlton street. We noticed the advantage which Gov. Bellingham had from his intercourse with the citizens. In comp[any] with Winthrop in 1635, Warner in the Chair, & in 1640 when T. Dudley was Gov. In 1641, being Gov., when Dudley & Winthrop yet living. After their death with Endicott and in the chair in 1654. Lt. Gov., then with Endicott

till his death in 1666. Then Gov. to his death in 1672. Well acquainted with everything in this County of Essex. So Leveret who had great connections in it & Bradstreet who lived & died in it in Salem, in which the Citizens erected a Monument, the most antient to be found. Gov. Joseph Dudley visited in 1706, with Capt. Redknap, about our fortifications. Gov. Belcher in 1732 went with his servants to Fort Dummer & Madam Lyman's account given. Gen. Washington, 29 Oct. 1789. An account of the procession and a comparative view of Salem in 1789 & 1817. The whole may be seen in Essex Register for July 8, 1817, vol. 17, no. 55.

13. Sunday. Note. Elisha Odlin & wife, no children, d. of her Mother & pr. for Br. absent. Her mother Lydia Pierce, widow of Ebenezer Pierce. I knew him when I first came to Salem. She was a Brown & sister of the late Wid. M. Berry. She had part of her ed. in Boston & under the pious Dr. Sewall, lived with her Uncle Hart at Beverly when married & was a Descendant of the well known Thos. Maule, who lived near our present Quaker Meeting H. upper end of Essex street, & who was so active in vindicating the Q. against the cruel oppressions they suffered. In this family are the only copies of Maule's books which I have seen but could not tempt them to alienate. Mr. H. was in part a Quaker. She united with the 2d Ch. but afterwards followed Whitaker & Spaulding but at last returned & died in the Communion of the 2d Church. The Son Eb. P. went to sea two y. since after laying long in Dartmoor & has not been heard of.

Hanna Neale who died lately in Salem, aged 91, was a daughter of our late Deacon Webb & another example of the long lives in the families of our Deacons. She had a Sister Hodges, Flint, & Cloutman, all who lived to be aged, besides many sons, most of whom lived over seventy. Her son Jona. Neale had the care of her in her very advanced age. The posterity of the Deacon numerous in most of the branches.

14. The President left us on Saturday, passed through Danvers on the new road to Cow house river over Sharpe's farm, to now Waters' Bridge over New Mills, through Upper Beverly, Wenham, Hamilton to Ipswich, which he reached at nine o'clock. From Salem he was escorted by a company of the Truckmen in White frocks, besides the Cavalry. At Wenham he was received by another escort of Cavalry, & the Stone Bridge [at Ipswich] was richly ornamented. This deserves the more notice as this bridge, Choate's B[ridge], was the first example of a real Bridge erected in the County deserving the name, & was in a style of execution far beyond anything which had appeared in the County & perhaps in New England. In a short time the President departed for Newburyport attended with a Regiment of Cavalry under Col. Coleman, & accompanied with a numerous calvacade of Officers & Citizens from Newburyport & the surrounding towns of Essex, & was received at New-

bury Port with every attention but after dinner left for New Hampshire leaving the Mass. Escort & taking his way towards Portsmouth with great rapidity on account of the rain. At Greenland he was received by a Cavalcade from Portsmouth & passed to the plains & received the Portsmouth regiment under Col. Walker. The Artillery was served by the Company under Capt. Currier, & the salute was repeated on Wibird's hill by the Sea Fencibles. The Ladies & children appeared to receive him near the town in the style of Portsmouth which has been known to be the best in the Country. At his Lodgings the President received the congratulations of the Citizens & spent the evening with them at the Town Hall. This day he was to view the public works & then go on to Portland.

15. Agreed with A. Dunlop, Esqr. to go with him in a Chaise & then from Boston to take a passage with him to Hingham in the Steam Boat Massachusetts. We reached Boston between 7 & 8 but the Boat was not ready till 11. We had a pleasant Company & moved from Center Wharf. The motion was easy & regular throughout the passage. It so happened that the tide was flood & against us. We passed round the 74 Independence & was saluted with the music of the Ship lying between the town & Noddle's Island. We took our course between fort Independence & Dorchester point over the flats at full tide passing between Thompson and Spectacle Island, then between Moon Islets & Long Island & between Hangman's & Sunk Island & between Nut Island & Puttock's Island, N. of Sheep Island, S. of Pumpkin Island & near the point of Land running W. from Hingham beach on the way to Nantasket, called the World's end & into the little bason where are the wharves of Hingham. We went to Revd. Mr. Richardson's where we were hospitably entertained. After dinner to get our passage up we passed to Crow point above 4 miles from our Landing in the road & 2 minutes west. We passed round Otis Hill, & then left on our right or E. the inlet in which lay Ragged and Button and Sara Islets & after several risings we reached the top of a beautiful hill near Crow point, from which we had a beautiful view of the surrounding country & islands, & then descended suddenly to the point at which our Boat was anchored. On our return we passed between Grass & Sheep Islands & kept our course so as to pass between Spectacle Island & Castle Island & up Ship Channel to the Town. Both passages were performed in two hours without any particular trial of the force of the Steam engines. The direct distance 10 Statute miles & about 14 miles in our course giving us between six & seven miles an hour without any exertion whatever. The Boat answered every expectation & when an accomodation is given for landing at every tide, will find this cruise a safe & pleasant one. The first plan of Mr. Brown was the best most certainly to prefer for the form of his pads the oar rather than wheel & it does honour to his ingenuity.

The water raised on the wheel was a real impediment which the other was provided to avoid. The motion given by the discharge of the levers, as in our distill houses, might be easily avoided by the manner of receiving them. We left the Wharf & in our Chaise reached Salem by 9 o'clock in the evening of this same day. The Dimensions of the Steam Boat I have not yet seen but the engines occupy but a small space & with little inconvenience.

25. The site of the late Charity House on Wash. Square remains in a state of ruins. The plea is that some of the subscribers in the neighbourhood have not paid the sum promised towards the removal of the buildings according to their agreement with the town. This is no reason that the police should suffer the ruins to be a nuisance. The proposition to designate the town hall as Munroe Hall, from the first entrance of the President, has had opposition as the honour was thought due to Mr. Pickman, one of the heirs of E. H. Derby, in proposing & accomodating this spot for a Market. Nothing is yet done.

27. Sunday. Note. Horatio Perry & wife, sudden d. of his Brother Thomas Perry, at Hanover, pr. for a friend at Sea. He is our Singing School Master. Lately lost his father and his Br. Th. was 45 years subject to epilepsy & died in his bed. 8 Childrea left, 3 Sisters, all in manhood.

28. Being a fine day I invited H[annah] C[rowninshield] & M[ary] W[illiams] to go with me to Baker's Island. Capts. Brown & Palfrey with two y. men in the Revenue Boat. We left Salem in the morning & had but light winds so that we did not reach the Island till noon. We carried bread & flesh & had a good dinner & we had fish & coffee before we left the Island. We saw the lights in good order. The patent lamps with metallic reflectors behind & glass plano convex before were sufficient to save much of the oil. Capt. Perkins has a garden inclosed, three Cows, six pigs, & was cutting hay for the winter. Keeps his rabbits & sheep. Has many conveniences about his house in a state much beyond what was formerly seen. The cross walls of the Island were down & the lines not run between the stakes & one private owner. The holder of the Light House loses nothing in this state of the Island. He has an excellent pilot boat. The Spring is much neglected at the divisional wall, but the grass & weeds are rampant. The wrecks of the pepper vessel & coaster lay on the shore still visible. We left under a full breeze after six & reached town at sundown. Capt. P[erkins] complained bitterly of Gen. Dearborn's letter in reply to his offer to supply boats at 15 D. per ann. as though he P. wished the Gov. to find him boats for this pilotate. It was indiscrete & P. does not talk about it with much composure.

August 1, 1817. I was at Beverly to see if I could get any information of the first Lovet who settled there. I had received from R. Rantoul, Esqr. a letter in July last in which was the will of

John Lovett, proved in 1686, giving 20 acres in dirty hole, a lot running from the east side of the Great Street to the shore. The house taken away by said R. R. who has married a descendant. This John left a John whose will was proved in 1727. There was a Joseph while the John of 1636 was living. The John of the second John was father of his wife's grandfather Josiah. No Thomas in the family. I went with R. R. to Stephens, Town Clerk. He had nothing more antient than the foundation of Beverly, nothing before 1666. The old burying ground was laid out upon these records. We visited it but found nothing but the proof that Lovet was an old & extensive family name. Revd. Hale who died 66, in 1700, has a handsome stone, & on each side are monuments to Blowers & Champney who succeeded him but the slates let into the free-stone of the monuments are totally destroyed. Hale's lot adjoining has supplied a ground for that family, walled in. This enquiry is continued upon the presumption that the first John was indeed the Lovet, Levet, Levitt, &c., who with Endicott & Skelton received Winthrop. There was a Christopher Levit, Leavit, with Weston, & a Thomas Levet with Wheelwright in his patent for lands in the Piscataqua, 1629. I incline to believe that this John was the real person named.

3. Sunday. Note. Wid. Martha Silsbee, under infirmities of age, aet. 86, descended from Deacon Prince.

4. Died this morning at Beverly, Anna, wife of Hon. Israel Thorndike. She was the youngest d. of Capt. G. Dodge of Salem. Her husband was engaged in the revolutionary war in privateering & was known to me in 1781. After the d. of this first wife he married this second & soon after removed to Boston, still holding his valuable house in Beverly which he bought of And[rew] Cabot. He came down and gave a superb entertainment to President Munroe in it & left his wife at Beverly, & she died upon this visit. A woman known to me in her youth, but not cautious of the means to prolong life. Col. Thorndike has been uncommonly successful & has rank in wealth & good sense with our first men. The whole display at Beverly was at his expense. He provided the ornaments of the bridge, the salute of the revenue cutter, and of the cannon on shore. Entertained in the best style 300 persons in his house, besides a much greater number abroad, & supported every ceremony.

5. This day was apprehended and imprisoned for debt one Switzer. He went from Salem to Boston, involved himself greatly with some young merchants, & attempted to escape without notice to his Creditors. He attempted to conceal himself at his father's in Salem. The trick has a full share of the public abhorrence. It was his attempt to escape to New York & enter trade in that city with the money fraudulently obtained. Such things are rare among us in Salem, but we take infection.

7. Yesterday I took my second voyage in the Mass. Steam Boat with H[annah] C[rowninshield]. Our Company was large & mixed but orderly. We left Salem about 4 P. M. & moving near Marblehead shore entered the harbour, then passed Marblehead rock, & inside Cat Island on the S. of Eagle Island to the Pope's Head, then inside of Baker's & Misery Islands to Beverly Shore, inside of Tenna-poo & so up into Beverly harbour, & then out & round the Neck to Derby wharf again. We had a little psalmody at the close, which finished the whole scene pleasantly at 7 P. M. The boat in this circuit went about 16 miles in short of three hours.

8. If ever we owed any remarks upon the season they are now due. Vegetation is in all its glory. Mr. M. Woodbridge in Bridge street has already mowed two crops of rich clover, & is not without expectation of a third. Our gardens abound in everything. We never had so much wheat & bearded grain, & our corn has good prospects. Animal life is in universal health. This day we had a succession of most plentiful showers, with such invigorating heat as made vegetation visible. We have had uncommon productions in every kind. The first crop on the acres of Planters marsh, now mowing ground, belonging to Pierce & Wait, on Bridge st. opposite Roache's point or the Charity House, gave 40 tons, between 3 & 4 tons to an acre. Berries of every name are abundant & of excellent flavour. Our whortle berries, a favourite for our puddings, are already in great plenty. Never better lamb. Our squashes, the flat summer, in excellent order. Milk abundant & sweet from the uncommon richness of our pastures. We have had little & only distant thunder.

10. Sunday. Note. Grace Oakes Greaves, d. of her father Samuel Oakes of Cohasset, aet. 68, husb. at sea. Her G. Father was named Urian Oakes & she claims to have been a descendant of President Oakes, probably of the same family. Her G. F. was the first of the name in Cohasset & as a Shipbuilder was well known to my G. F. Thomas Bentley. I went to a launching at his yard in Cohasset in 1777. She married Capt. E. Greaves who lost a hand in the war & is now Master of a Vessel from Salem.

For the first time the Annual Sermon of the Salem Female Asylum Society was delivered on Sunday. The plea was that on the other days of the week it had been neglected. Lectures & Sermons in the day were unusual & in the night not commended in the old Congregational Churches. The hour was fixed at five P. M. & the Congregation were advised to begin at 2 P. M., an hour earlier than usual in the summer months. Every Congregation was notified & the change of hours carried the report everywhere. The Sermon by Revd. Carlisle at St. Peter's. But the Congregation was chiefly of the very young & the rich legacy of the Pastor which taught us to expect his aid & did not carry the contribution but a small sum above the other Contributions. We had all the chants of the Church

& the power of the organ & instruments, but we did not accomplish much by all these preparations. The Quakers seem to have hit the mark. They take care of their own poor & submit to the taxes for the Charitable establishments, which provide for the natural want of society. They live not in communities as the Moravian Brethren & they do not deny any ties of Civil life or domestic as do the Brethren called Shakers. If they had not interfered with the laws of War, they would have been as nigh the best state as they could become. Some of our jealous people are still fixed upon their peace societies which have the same tendency to interfere with Civil defence as the association of the Quakers.

11. Last Saturday I went with H[annah] C[rowninshield] to Cape Ann in the Steam Boat. We had been prevented on Friday by the weather, but on Saturday, tho it rained in the morning, we delayed from 8 to 11 A. M. & then left Salem. We had fog, rain & wind, on the passage, but reached Cape Ann Harbour after 1 A. M. For the history of this voyage I consulted my former visits with D. R. & my voyage to Kettle Cove in 1800. I was most kindly received at Capt. Pearce's, with my friends, as I also was at the house of the Collector, Dr. Kitteridge. I had the civilities of David Pierce, Esqr. & his son in law Beach, Master Rogers & many other citizens for which I shall make a public acknowledgement. On our return most of us Landmen were very sick after passing Kettle Cove, but we were all restored within the Islands. We were all safely landed in Salem at sundown. We had a band of music which contributed not a little to relieve the unpleasant circumstances of the weather. The Boat did all her duty & upon the last part of the voyage had all the celerity we had ever observed in the best state of the weather. I found that Kettle Cove was the name which now obtained for the Cove near the Island, & Fresh Water Cove was near Norman's woe. Jeffrey's cove I got from the records & it is above Kettle Cove towards Salem, marked Kettle Cove by Holland. At low water we could not get 3 feet of water in Cape Ann Harbour at the Wharves, & were obliged to land in boats. Capt. Archer with us told us that he had taken many loads of paving stones for Salem from the neighbourhood of Fresh Water cove, Cape Ann. The arrival of the Steam Boat excited great attention, but the late arrival & the unsettled weather deprived the boat of the advantage of a party while we were in town, to be collected in Cape Ann. The whole distance from Derby's Wharf, Salem, to Sargent's wharf, Cape Ann, is 15 miles.

15. We have heard from Gloucester that a Narway Kraken had visited their harbour within ten pound Island. We have had letter upon letter. Many attempts have been made to kill him. The general representation is that his head is like a horse & that he raises it several feet out of water. That his body when out of water looks like the buoys of a net, or a row of kegs, or a row of large casks. We

see in Bomare much such a description given by a Danish Captain of the Navy in 1746, so much so that they would not probably have been more alike had they been copied from each other. At the last dates he had not been taken.

17. Sunday. Notes. Joseph Welman & Sisters, d. of their Mother. Brothers absent. This seems to be an end to several noted families among us when I came to Salem. Welman, Chever, & Wyatt. Timothy Welman, the g. g. father, died 1787, aet. 91, leaving 27 g. children & 21 g. g. ch. A venerable old man, living near Neck, old gate, opp. English st. Welman was a Shoemaker when he came from Marblehead. Timothy, came about 1731, then 37 years of age. Adam Welman, g. s. died 1786, aet. 42, a worthy man. The Husband of Sara, deceased, died Dec. 1810, aet. 54. His mother, a Henderson, died in May, 1811, aet. 74, & left 4 d. One Swaney, since dead, living, a Burrill & Dean.

Of the Wyatt. William, the father of the deceased, died Dec., 1796, aet. 67, born in Newbury. Sarah, the mother died in 1796, before the father, aet. 70. They lived long seperated. William, br. of the deceased, died at New Orleans, aet. 34, 1794.

Chever, James, a Chairmaker, after a Fisherman, father of James & g. f. of present James Chever & father of Sara, W. of W. Wyatt, came to Salem from Lynn about the beginning of the last Century. W. Chever of the other branch about 1745. Wyatt was a Coaster for many years.

Robert Stone & wife, d. of youngest child, named for my friend Capt. Edward Gibaut. R[obert], Son of R. now living above 70, is of the antient primitive stock. Rebecca, wife, is d. of Capt. John Osgood. The Father of the present John was brother of Nathaniel who married a Babbidge & their father, brother of the Osgood, the Tanner, whose d. married Woodbridge. John lives in Brown st. upon land of his Mother, & Nathaniel lived at the corner of St. Peter's st. upon Essex St. where Capt. Jo. White after built. John took away the house next the Church burying ground & rebuilt upon that spot. Originally from Andover. John's f. died of small pox before the revolution. John died June 29, aet. 88, 1799. After Nath., died his Brother Benjamin at advanced age & Benja's widow, aet. 90 in 1810. So that the second generation that came in Salem & last born here are now dead.

Charles Forbes, returned from Sea, having been among the Islands of the Great Ocean. He was patronized by Mrs. Rogers & myself & was the son of John Forbes who was drowned in Virginia in 1791, aet. 28, & left a wife & 4 children. The wife has since married James Whittimore. The Collection at St. Peter's Church was said to be the highest yet, 176 D. Highest before said 167 D. The Rector has had a legacy of vast amount & assisted the Contribution. The Circumstances of changing the time of public worship & calling together for the first time on Sunday might aid. The Salem Female Asylum is the most favored of our Ch. Institutions.

18. Mr. Fettyplace found upon his lot, from a post hole, a Ring in high relief upon which was written H. Batters, ob. 7 Oct. 1730, aet. 62, probably the wife of the third Edmund. Upon a visit to the spot I found it within one foot of the fence upon the new street laid out through the Lynde Lot, called Oliver street, north of the common, & the date is since said lots were in possession of the Lynde family. From Edmund Needham living near & who purchased part of Chever's purchase, I learn that Chever purchased on the whole west side of Winter street, of Lynde, since his day & he purchased of Chever the lots on which stand his Brother Daniel's house & the building north as far as his own. That the old house, bought by Jonathan Mason, was Best's house & is now standing. The old house of Chever was possessed by his son in law Pratt, & sold to Wright, Baker & removed on East side of Oliver's street. Lynde's Heirs still hold the lot back of Chever. Jona. Mason built his house, now standing, in front of his Mother's house taken down, and her land was from the Williams. Another Heir, the Hodges', sold to Coombs, Baker & beyond H. Williams held & on the Williams land is the present full built street of the name, all built since my time. Lindal owned next & as I suppose bought from Higginson after his death, upon payment of debts, &c.

19. Buried Mrs. Eleck from the Charity House on the Neck. The Sea serpent, so called, continues off Cape Ann. One was seen off Norway in 1746. We now find a record that one was seen in 1793 off Mount Desert, Maine, & before one had been seen at the Craneberry Island, S. E. of the same place. Capt. Crabtree who saw the first in 1793 mentions the sight before at the Craneberry as probably the first. The Serpent has been seen so often as to leave no doubt of the certainty of his existence. We more wonder that enterprise has not yet found the means to take him.

21. The Brig New Hazard was lost on the Goodwin Sands. The Capt. Isaac Andrews was drowned. She had 40,000 D. in specie insured, all lost. Owned by his Brother & Co. A Brother of the same man has lost his vessel in the West Indies. The elder Brother John inherits by a D. of Capt. Forrester & was famous in the co-partnership of Samuel Archer, the adventurer. The insurance upon the New Hazard will take 60 th. D. from the Merchants of Salem. The Sea S[erpent] has revived a tale that one Poland & Nic. Whipple were fishing in the Misery & Kettle Cove, 50 y ago & a large fish rising under their boat upset it & Poland was drowned. Mr. W. when taken up gave a doleful account of the fish which however did not molest them, nor appear to have had any design in what he did. The fish was a large one & swift. This Fish rests by winding his tail under him, as all the amphib[ians] sleep with their lower parts below the surface sloping to support their position. Capt. Henderson gave me a part of the foundation of Boston Old Wharf built in 1639. According to the plan of Boston, 1743, this wharf

extended from South Battery point to the Middle of the Long wharf having an opening near Long wharf, & then from Long wharf on the north side, having the same opening on the north as south side, towards Clarke's since Hancock's Wharf, with an opening opp. to Sears' Ship Yard. A Store is upon the projection from the north side of Long wharf & another on the old wharf at the end towards Clarke's wharf. The specimen of the time is pine in good preservation & the trunnel of Oak entire.

22. The Sea Snake as he is commonly called is said to have shifted places & is now at Kettle Cove many miles nearer to us & not more than four miles below Baker's Island. The Cape Ann boats did not venture to attack him, the Marblehead men are now about it, it is said.

24. Sunday. My friend Capt. R. Stone, Chairman of the Committee, seized by a paralytic affection last Thursday night, remains without hope of recovery.

25. This day the visitation of the Schools, 355 were present. I visited at the hour appointed but as the Schools were not assembled, I retired. A Mr. Preston succeeds Dr. Berry in the East School. Walker has long since left the West. Gray is to leave the Centre, Mr. Stevens remains in the Grammar Schools, & Mr. Dodge in Northfields. The committee sui generis. Dr. Berry writes from Nashville that he had been kindly received & had every thing agreeable to his highest expectations. The frequent change of Masters is an evil. Since I have been in Salem have been six teachers in the Grammar School. From East Writing School four. Their service ought to be equal to that of the Clergy. In the antient establishment their time greatly exceeded that of the ministers.

26. This day is memorable by the reception of Mr. John Quincy Adams at Boston upon his return from England as our Minister to receive the office of Secretary of State. The Dinner was at the Exchange Coffee House. W. Gray presided. His father, the Gov. of Massachusetts, &c. were among the Guests. The hall was full & neatly decorated & it bore the heads of Washington & Adams. The toasts for Jefferson & Madison, who were not present even in portrait, were "In their retirement from the cares of public life, may the evening of their days be long, tranquil & happy." Thus we insinuate what we dare not say. We are sorry to say that such proof exists that we are not sincere & united.

27. Commencement at Cambridge. The exercises were in the Meeting House. Not present we cannot judge. It is said the exercises were better in point of judgment & manner than they have been on some late occasions.

29. The Marblehead boat that has been out for the Sea Serpent has returned after a search of several days. Gen. Humphries is at Cape Ann upon the same errand. Capt. N. Brown of Newburyport tells of seeing one in Lat. 60 N. & Long. 7, which he had an oppor-

tunity to view an hour & an half at one time & within 30 ft. of the vessel. He noticed marks at the neck which he conceived to be the opening of the gills. This circumstance not otherwise noted. He supposed it could raise its head from the surface of the water 15 feet, which must give it great length.

31. Sunday. Notes. Anstis Stone, Children & g. Children, d. of her Husband Capt. Robert Stone, aet. 73. He was from one of our primitive families & they held land on both sides Bass river. His mother a Berry. This family came to Salem in the past century but have been earlier & better known in Ipswich. Two Thomas B., Father & Son, grad. at Cambridge & the last was known as Col. Berry. Capt. R. Stone married Anstis Babbidge. Her mother married a Babbidge & then a King & was a D. of Capt. John Crowninshield. He has two Children left & has buried 5 children. Her Son R. Stone, a worthy man & her D. Sara, wid. of James Dunlap, who had left two Children. Andrew the Son in the Law, D. at home.

Wid. Mary Becket, d. of her sister in Law Mary Bates, aet. 65, wid. of her Brother S. She a Bates. Mary Bates has lived a Widow in Salem & was a Rice from Boston. Father a Blacksmith. Sara Bates, Widow. Her husband a son of Bates of the Theatre, some time dead. Her husband left his trade & is now at Sea. Death of Child. She a d. of John Forbes. Mr. Robert Staunton, the son of my Predecessor Robert, born in Salem, 1723 & in his 94th year, now living at Stafford, gives himself out as a man of 109, whether with design or otherwise. He practices physic still & is a wonderful man even at 94.

September 1, 1817. Last week was a new choice of Military officers. The result was in the choice of Lt. Col. Benj. A. Dix, Colonel, Capt. Horatio Perry, Lt. Colonel, Capt. W. Stearns, Major. Soon after his election Col. Dix became bankrupt. Whether from necessity or the pressure of party I know not. We have seen these things before in Col. Archer, Butman, &c. Perry is a Tradesman from Hanover. Stearns is Son of W. S., Merchant, formerly of Charlestown. Another person would have been Colonel could he have had the choice of his Regimental officers. B. Gen. Appleton of Gloucester presided. Last week the Best house, bet. Mason & Chever lot, was taken down by Forrester who has purchased the Mason mansion house & lot on Brown street. The family of Best, once reputable in Salem, has long since disappeared. We are told that the persons who possess lots near the Common & who subscribed for the removal of the Charity House have withheld, some of them, the payment till lately & so the ruins lay as when the House was removed.

2. The appearance of the Cape Ann Fish has brought information not imagined respecting such appearances on our shores. Not only the account from Mount Desert, but testimonies from Cape Cod & Plymouth. We have rather been unobservant of facts & the

testimonies from Cape Cod are that they were given at the time but suppressed from fear of ridicule, which was all that was expected from them. A Marblehead boat continued on the look out for the Cape Ann fish but returned without success. His repeated appearance last week is not doubted.

7. Sunday. Notes. Benj. Dean & wife, d. of g. son Benj. D. Chandler by a d. who married a Chandler. A singular case. The lad of 11 years in health had on the Saturday before his d. on Monday, had a violent struggle at fisty cuffs with a neighbouring boy named Brown of troublesome character. After the contest & a bruising he went into water, returned home, was seized with tetanus, whether from shifting from heat & violent agitation to cold or from some contusions is not known. The child went some distance to the water & had not distinct complaints. The effect was almost instant upon reaching home & proceeded to such degree as to end life on Monday. He was a sprightly & sensible little boy from whom much might have been promised. Capt. B. Dean has an only son at sea, in the Cleopatra's barge. Francis Branigan sick.

The news has reached me of the death of Professor C. D. Ebeling, Hamburg. My last letter was in May last & with it a box of books delivered this evening from Boston via New York. He complains of indisposition but expresses his hopes. This correspondence has continued above twenty years & has supplied me with German publications from which I have made returns in American Books.

8. Went from Salem in the afternoon to visit Gloucester. After we passed Manchester meeting house, where the Cape Ann road turns down, another road goes on to Chebacco which is now so repaired as to deceive the incautious traveller. This carries the traveller to Chebacco in four miles & everything is doing to make this a good road to divert the travelling to Salem & Beverly from the County road through Manchester & to connect the fishing towns more intimately together. We reached Cape Ann after dark, but were hospitably received at Col. Pierce's & spent the night. We left our horse & chaise with G Ward, formerly of Salem, & son of S. Ward our Collector. The plan of the Visit was a ride round the Cape as it is called. The whole distance from the harbour round to the harbour again being 14 miles. We provided a party consisting of Capt. S. Pierce & a d. of Capt. Traske whom he addressed, Judith Miller, a Schoolmistress, & Ann Trask, the Sister of the d. addressed by Capt. S. P. & distinguished in the address at delivery of the Standards last season. This gave us three Chaises.

9. We visited Capt. Traske. He had been long in France, had a good library containing Voltaire, Rousseau, Condilla, &c. & some also of the best English writers. He had a collection of Paintings & some Antiques. We should have not expected such a sight,

because novel in our outposts. Near his house he has the best spring for pure water in the place lodged near the house at the eastern part of the Town, very romantically, among large rocks between which it flows. Here the family receives it. It has a stone aqueduct under the road & is conveyed to a stone trough on the opposite side of the road for public use & watering of cattle. Along this road we passed towards Sandy Bay, having a good view of the Harbour, so called, & finding what we never found before a good road to Sandy Bay at a distance of 5 miles. We stopped at Rollins' but he had removed & we found a new house front of his with a new landlord. Here we left our horses & proceeded to the Pier, & a most wonderful enterprise for so small a settlement, but for which they have been well rewarded. But lately a lot in the neighborhood, of 20 feet in front & not double that in the rear with a 2 feet path, obtained 250 dollars. The plan of the pier at first was not so large. It begins on the southern side & its northern point has from the shore opposite to it another pier which secures them from the sea. They were obliged to strengthen their first work as the sea made a breach. The first work is rough, the last is by split stones giving quite a regular front to the sea. Nature sports upon a rough surface. We then passed to the redoubt which the British dismantled in the last war & then onward to Gully point. Here we found the Rock opened affording an excellent shelter on a hot day to a fishing party. A rock has fallen at the upper end & at the entrance but at low tide a Canoe could enter. We found it cool & romantic. We then passed to Straightmouth whence we had a full view of the Lighthouse upon Thacher's Island & 70 sail of Boats were seen in the Offing in the Mackerel fishing. The success great this season. The Cove which is southward of the pier it is believed might be rendered as safe as that basin has been, & the thought of uniting it to their works is not lost. It is common when having done more than was expected not to put narrow limits to ambition. The Cove between the points about 1-6 of a mile, called Long Cove with Long Cove hill, would admit 50 boats. The 40 wherries within the piers were an unusual sight, & the trunks of trees sunk into the basin by rocks around their roots was a novel sight. Near Straightmouth we were led to the Cellar over which once stood the house of Mr. Norwood an early settler, & on the opposite side the Cavern which was in use before the building was finished. We were accompanied by Gen. Appleton, Dr. Manning & Capt. Josiah Haskell & treated with the greatest hospitality. Upon our return from Straightmouth we passed to the road leaving the shores & passed the house of Mr. Francis Poole, one of the greatest Landholders, & upon our entrance to the Settlement saw one of the Loghouses which had been covered in the modern manner & made a very decent tenement. The Meeting House was in good style with a good bell. The whole front upon which the belfry stood was

for the convenience of the stairs & porches. The whole curve from Streightsmouth to Halibut point forms what is called Sandy Bay, which from Holland was not 3 miles & they called 3 leagues. But indeed Sandy Bay is Streightsmouths to the point South of Pidgeon Cove, the cove being in Squam district, so that we may reckon the whole distance 2 miles. We soon found they had never measured distances or situations. Joshua Norwood, ancestor of a numerous family & who lived at Streightsmouth, dead about 60 years ago. They had a tradition that the Cove beyond Streightsmouth southward was the first in which the fishery had ever been used & it is not improbable as it is at the extreme part of the Cape & there are marks of building near it & good land being cultivated within it & near it. They speak of opening a communication between the Coves at Sandy bay, through a few rods of land which admit it, so as to connect Long Cove with the Pier. The Cove beyond Streightsmouth from Sandy bay was called Norwood's Cove. After leaving Sandy Bay in 2 miles we came to Pidgeon Cove at the foot of the celebrated Pidgeon Hill towards the sea. This Cove has 15 boats & resembles more the stations on the shores of Lynn than a fishing settlement, the stations being rather for receiving the boats & fish than habitations & being near together. In passing round Squam side we found the roads in good order & if the passage over the hills as you approach old Town could be made more comfortable & safe, it would be one of the most delightful rides in all Massachusetts. The elevation of the flakes for the fish at Sandy Bay, easy to be approached on the landside, appeared the best adapted for the drying of the fish of any that we had seen. Through the old town we passed the well cultivated farm of Col. Pearce, as at Squam we passed the Norwood farm half way on the circuit, & the residence of Mrs. Gooch, the Poetess of the Island.

10. After two we reached Col. Pierce & dined with him on Isle of Shoal fish. After breakfast & our usual salutations we left Cape Ann for Jebacco. This road has lost all its terrors from the rocks under our feet. The road to the Parsons & the Meeting House were forbidding but the great road was greatly improved. About 2 miles from the Harbour we found the road entering on the west from Kettle Cove at the lower part of Manchester, & in the middle of the distance a wonderful rock on our right which had its foot planted on the side of the road is the largest we had approached. We passed two mill seats & several pleasant farms. Before we entered on the first causeway we found the other end of the Manchester road said by the guide post to be four miles to Manchester when we were 7 miles from Cape Ann harbour. We stopped at the entrance of the second causeway before we passed Chebacco river & dined at a house of entertainment kept by a Mr. Burnham & were kindly received. We had not time to visit the falls of the river, but the sight of Jebacco boats building for the bay fishery not only

at every landing place but in the yards of the farmers some distance from the shores, as a novelty was very impressive. The Causeways were in good repair. After dinner we continued round the Meeting House which has taken the place of the two formerly here & found at the guide post we were 8 miles from Cape Ann & 11 from Beverly bridge. We then turned to the left & passing on the southern part of Hamilton & over Wenham neck we reached Bakers 8 miles in upper Beverly from Jebacco. Then passing through Beverly over Essex Bridge we reached Salem. After leaving Jebacco meeting house we saw Jebacco great pond but did not visit it. It has Round, Gravelly & Beck ponds near it & formerly I visited it for angling. It has a pleasant island in the upper end of it & lays along the road on the eastern side. We were in Salem before 4 in the afternoon. In Sandy bay but particularly in Squam & Jebacco they have been very successful in the Mackerel fishery.

14. Sunday. Notes. Nathaniel L. Rogers & wife, d. of his Mother, pr. for Brothers at sea. John W. Rogers & wife, d. of his Mother, pr. Br. at sea. Abigail Rogers, the Mother, was a Dodge of Ipswich & married the eldest Son of Rev. N. Rogers. Not succeeding as they wished they came to Salem soon after I was established in the place, & offered themselves for a School. For a while he succeeded, but his habits did not admit the success he wished & he finally died abroad. The wife had an active mind & the most insinuating manners. While she had the hearts of the children she had as full sway over the parents & connected her success with the welfare of her Sons. In her School she did more than any person had done in Salem & her pupils have been the best informed & the most approved & the most happy females in Salem. Her four Sons she introduced into life with great advantage. Nath. married one of her pupils, a Waite & with a fortune, one of two daughters. John married another pupil, a Pickman, g. d. of Col. P. Her son Richard is engaged to a West, & William, educated at Cambridge & at law, has lately gone to India with R. to prepare him for mercantile employments. Mrs. R. left her school some time before she died, but her health was declining & has been rapidly so since her school was closed. The St. Anthony's fire proved at last fatal to her. The general opinion is favourable to her talents. Her success in her family produced some envy & her school left her the effections of the families interested in it & the necessary questions from those who love no happiness but their own.

Moses Hobson & wife, d. of their Child & pr. for her Brother in decline of health. Their only child. The Mother of the wife d. of. Deacon W. Brown & Wid. Masury. The son by the same parents.

15. Last Saturday a Ship was launched at Hawkes' yard below Daniels street. The Ship was of excellent construction & passed beautifully into the water. She belonged to Mr. Phillips & was built by B. Hawkes. The concourse was great & the whole scene

gave a great satisfaction. The Cradle was narrower than I had ever seen but her motion was equal till she floated. Our large ships have been built lately in South Fields, so that the return of these sublime spectacles was the more welcome.

16. The death of my friend & old Correspondent C. D. Ebeling is announced in England. His last letter is dated 24 May. The date of the Eng. paper 21 June. In that term he must have died. About 50 of his Letters during my Correspondence remain to explain the system, purpose & benefits proposed in it. He has been a member of our Hist. Society & I nominated him to the Antiquarian & to the N. Y. Hist. Society. I found him an affectionate, invariable & provident friend. I never saw him.

19. The new Colonel Dix of Salem Reg. has failed for a large amount. He engaged a Lumber yard at a large amount & hired a house at a heavy rent & put an Agent in his business & without discharging any dues has now failed. A Mr. Bartlet, partly deranged, loses 7 th. D. The enquiry is whether the love of popularity does not betray the sense of honour. These men assume the rank of merchants in hunting after popularity. The disgrace fixes upon no other office than the military one.

21. Sunday. Notes. The children & g. children of Martha Silsbee, her death & such as absent pr. She a g. d. of Deacon Richard Prince, a worthy woman, wid. of Samuel. Her husband singular & an only Son S. The daughters who are living, a Sage & Reed. Reed has left his family. The d. very deserving & taking character from the mother who died at 86 years of age.

Susan Patterson & 6 children, d. of her husband. Just returned from sea of a fever. Mary Goss with 3 sons & their wives, death of her Son Patterson, g. s. of Capt. Battoon. Zechariah Fowle Silsbee & wife, she a Boardman, d. of youngest child. Mr. Ashburner of Bombay with me this evening.

25. Great complaints against plundering orchards & fields. In North fields, a combination to detect & punish such offenders. We hear the same complaints through the Gazettes from other large towns. This pilfering has not ended so. This week a boat was discovered in the act of stealing from the Marblehead fish flakes & the offenders are in prison. These offences have been transient acts hitherto, but now seem to have gone into habits. And yet a more abundant crop or lower price was never known. A man who came with a large speculation in grain has been obliged to sell it at vendue, to be rid of the depreciation of the articles in the sales at market.

26. Last evening was a Concert at the Essex Coffee House at Dollar Tickets. The Concert was given in the name of Bray & Hart. Besides these the performers were Duvernoy & Mrs. & Miss Clark, besides Granger & Wood. The usual compliments were paid, but the audience was not full. This is in part to be attributed to the

uncertain character of a novelty. Another opportunity is promised to test the character & taste of Salem. Many aged persons have died this Autumn. This day was buried Wid. Sara Driver, aet. 88. She was the wife of Michael Driver & of the family of Bray. Her Sister married Capt. Poynton & died lately at a great age. Her brother Bray was a worthy man & lived to full age.

28. Sunday. Note. Sally Newhall, d. of her Son, husb. at sea, East Indies. At Wenham a call has been given to one Smith from New Salem. The opposition from Judge Pickering, &c. Mr. Emerson of Beverly has offered himself again to his former flock & is preaching at Saugus but he finds no ready welcome. His plea for retiring from his charge was his health. Morse who has appeared as successor to Bp. Bass at Newbury Port, has some inclination to leave & go to Windsor in Vermont, probably for a Bishoprick. This is the man who at the ordination of Carlisle at Salem by Bp. Griswold after all denominations were invited gave a flaming declamation ag. Anti Trinitarians & Universalists. The English Church in talents is not abroad what it is at home.

29. We have reports & Letters that a Serpent with protuberances was found at Cape Ann near Straightsmouth. The Collector of the Port sends me a particular account. We are to see this miniature which is said perfectly to agree with Beech's painting & engraving. This has created great interest & filled all our gazettes. Everything of this kind is referred to our Linnean Society, which at present is like Darwin's Litchfield Botanical Society, a man & his friends or without them, but first heard of by name & not by works. We may expect soon an incorporation.

30. We saw the Serpent. It would not have been suspected to have had a sea origin had it not been for the protuberances by which it is distinguished & for the agreement they have with the representation of the Sea Serpent. If it does deposit its eggs, the history is more probable, not so if viviparous. The whole evidence will be given in the Essex Register of the morrow from the Letter & observations.

The death of Jonathan Waldo, merchant, aet. 37, has been noticed in Salem with affection. The father was from Boston & under temporary derangements. By the very strange conduct of a Captain, son of Jacob Ashton, his affairs were much involved. A derangement ensued, a fever & a natural death. The young Ashton was at the funeral. The relatives discovered a want of a sympathy in the sickness, but an insatiate avarice at his death. Such the condition not of those only who pretend to hold up the lower ranks. A priest married the mother in law. He died unmarried & has left brothers. He had possessed 40,000 dollars.

October 3, 1817. This day the Cleopatra's Barge arrived. She has touched at the western isles & the north coast of the Mediterranean & been as far up as the western Coasts of Italy. Mr. C[rown-

inshield] has all the habits of a seaman. His Secretaries were for his companions & we learn they have brought several Frenchmen to America. Thus an immense sum has been expended for an excursion which might have been made by working a passage to these several known marts familiar to our seamen & visited almost daily by our vessels.

5. Sunday. In the morning service in time of sermon we had an Earthquake. I noted it as 47 past eleven, 10 seconds in duration. The whole congregation rose from their seats.

6. The Court Martial respecting the Music when the President visited Salem has prevented the Indep. L[ight] Infantry from appearance on the Parade. The judgement is not yet given. The Common tale is that the Music of this Company was requested by the Comm. of the Regiment because better than the Regiment had prepared & as a request was refused because the Regiment ought to have been better provided or not have made such a request. Hence a quarrel in the vulgar sense & an appeal to military judgment. The truth is the want of personal respect has induced the disrespect of inferior officers & the wish to possess what the wealth of others has provided, has put weak minds upon claims which nothing but envy & abuse of power would assert. The place of Brigade Muster is at Montserrat in Beverly, 2 miles northerly from the Old Meeting upon lands of Appleton, Uncle of the Brigadier General.

Oct. 7. Our Brigade Review day at that part of Beverly called Montserrat in Beverly, 2 miles northerly from the Old Meeting Brig. Gen. Appleton & Col. Dix were in command so far as our Grades went from Salem. The light Infantry as was expected did not go, if we may judge from the multitude which returned. The rain in the morning promised a very unfavorable day but the rain ceased after nine. It was then very fresh through the day & the rain returned between three & four o'clock not violent at any time but accompanied with wind. The Cape Ann Regiment has seldom appeared at Brigade reviews under the plea of distance, it being more than 15 miles. Our field Officers have no claims from education, talents or wealth, all of which when they combine with popular favour have a tendency to bless promotion. They are however men who have not forfeited rank by any habitual vices they indulge.

12. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Sara Becket, d. of her youngest Child, pr. for a Brother at Sea. She lost her husband lately, John Becket, a promising young man. The brother is from the same father. James Brown & wife, he father of Sara, d. of his G. Child, pr. for his son at sea. The same. Judah Dodge & wife, death of their child, pr. for absent friends. His wife a Pervcare. John Clemens & wife, death of their child. She a Burroughs.

14. This day we saw the good effect of the new arrangements in our Charity House. Six Hogs from the Styres were killed this day & gave 2041 weight of pork, which was sold in one lot to a merchant

at 15 cents pr. lb. giving above three hundred dollars at one sale. The House is well supplied with smaller pigs so that the supply is provided. The Husbandry, particularly of potatoes, will give as good an account of itself under Mr. Paul Upton.

16. John Jenks, aet. 66, who died in Salem on Saturday last, brought up by Cotton Tufts of Weymouth, came to Salem from Medford & was a Merchant & possessed of considerable wealth. Some engagements for others & his speculation in Merinos at Walpole with one Thomas served to reduce the amount of his wealth & for several months before he died he was in a state of delinquency. Whether this was altogether from his anxiety or from his Constitution was doubtful. Some symptoms long since appeared. He was a man of strong religious & political principles, but as he said in his derangement, which preceeded his delinquencies or failure of all intellectual power, he had been deceived. He was very active for the South Meeting House & advanced much for it, unsettled. He advanced much for a Son, as well as lost 10,000 D. by his Sheep & by sharpers. He was a good citizen, a good merchant in accounts, & in his attachments sincere. I was for many years a member of a Fire Club with him & of Essex Lodge & I put a high value upon him tho his prejudices in society were widely different from my own.

19. Sunday. Note. Martha Rice, d. of her son David Joseph, aet. 40, died at Boston. Mother sick. This D. J. married Lydia Gyles of Beverly who has left home. Three Ch. Sons, 14, 10, 8 years. Martha Rice had a first husband Joseph, a foreigner. She a Hilliard, D. of H. Ropemaker.

21. The Court Martial in Salem upon Lt. P. was occasioned by the competition between the military & voluntary aids on a public parade to receive the President. The Capt. of the L. Inf. consented to arrangements for which the volunteers in the expence had not been consulted, & the Music they refused to the Regimental Command, which belonged to their own corps by subscription. It was the pertinacity of youth struggling with the indiscretion & weakness of superior & experienced officers. It ended in a reprimand or rather a distribution of the blame, but it was accompanied with an act unworthy of military discipline but pardonable from the want of sentiment which discovered itself in the orders of the Regiment. We trace its consequences to some divisions in which the military elections will suffer. We may attribute to the present military command as much virtue as we please, but we might not be so free in our allowance of military talents. The volunteer companies by their uniform & discipline get such a share of public favour as may urge their pride to many indiscretions.

23. Notice given of three failures in Salem, probably one Company. J. & S. Peabody & one Goodale formerly Clerk at the Iron factory, New Mills, Waters river, Danvers. These are not ordinary events & so excite more attention from the lips of Talkers.

26. Sunday. Note. John Stickney & wife, d. of daughter Mary, aet. 24. The condition of my affairs may well be imagined. My Collector has resigned & a new one is appointed. Two years of Salary are still due & the part of settlement due in one year from my ordination, making an aggregate sum of two thousand dollars. Debts always bring trouble whether the debtors are unable or unwilling to pay, if the Creditors need or demand. Such is the state of the East Parish at the present moment. What aggravates the evil is that no provision is made for the future, because the sum assessed is barely sufficient & a quarter part of the House is not in a Condition to be accountable. The two acts of discipline in Salem, the one in the Tabernacle upon Dr. W. & the other in the first Baptist upon Deacon T. have issued in the total annihilation of the reputation of these men & they contemplate a removal from Salem as quick as possible. Both of them have been public declaimers & the Dr. was liberally educated & ordained in a Cong. Church. Both laden with open sins, but all their guile did not produce so much punishment as the terrors of Church discipline. In the debates much bitterness was shown, but the multitude held to the severity of the discipline & rejected all who disapproved or wished to qualify it.

28. After all our care we have not been able to obtain the removal of the Gun house from the Washington Square. One of the buildings was removed last week to the Neck gate, & the other moved down towards the northern corner. Major Gen. Hovey tells of a better building he hopes from the State & the Capt. has no claims to attention & so contrary to the spirit of the stipulations with the Subscribers in the neighbourhood this absurd privilege is given tho a School house & Charity House have been removed at great expence & one of them from the same spot. We need men of sentiment for our public offices or we may ever expect the same treatment.

31. I had at home a New Eng. Thanksgiving Dinner for the Family.

November 2, 1817. Sunday. H. Ballou of the Universalists in Salem has gone to the new House in School street, Boston, without any ceremony at parting. His adherents pretend to blame him but his friends say that they only engaged him by the year & had not paid him even the contract for that short time & therefore he was at liberty to do as he thought best. We are now promised a third Minister, one Flag. All without education. One Pickering has been here, but he will not have the next turn it is said.

3. Last Saturday died in this town Capt. well known by the name Shoreman David Felt. He was a man of the greatest industry & the last of those in Salem who supported himself by the Fishery, by actually maintaining fishing crafts & flakes in Salem. He was in his 84th year & few men have been more industrious more

successful & happy. He married a Becket & this brought him into more intimate acquaintance with my parishioners most of whom were in some way in kindred with him. He has been long withdrawn from active life & lived till he died in his mansion house in Norman street leading from Washington to Summer street. He has three sons who survive him & two now at sea, commanders of Vessels. His eldest & unmarried daughter was with him till he died. He has a g. son educated at Dartmouth, Schoolmaster & preacher in the Charity House. He is the last man of those who carried on the Fishery on the scale of Marblehead.

4. The Sup[reme] Jud[icial] Court opened in town. Four of the Judges here. Parker, Thacher, Jackson & Putnam. The trial whether Major Goodrich was robbed or not, comes again. Saw the map of New Hampshire & subscribed for Boston & its environs. The Court House has been entirely changed since the Town sold to the County. Fire proof all made below. The eastern door has been closed & the lower floor appropriated for offices in such parts as are not taken for Records. The Court Hall has been entirely changed. The lawyer's seats have been extended so as to take the greater part of the area leaving beyond the seats for the Judges, Bar, magistrates & jury, only a smaller part of the floor. To accommodate a few persons a small gallery is placed over the door supported on four Ionic pillars. The exterior of the house is little changed & the front remains the same. Little space is left to accommodate more than usually have business at Court so that curiosity will not be much indulged upon on extraordinary trials.

6. A Vessel has been taken in the bay, supposed by the Spanish, & after being plundered, perhaps of her specie, left to her fate. She was found off Cach's Ledge & run ashore in Boston Harbour, without papers, anchors, or cables, on Thompson's Island off Squantum. Has on board sugar, Coffee & Cotton, & is known at Boston. Supposed from Havanna bound to Europe. The papers tell what is known of her. The privateering is carried on in great extent & the prizes find no regular discharges so that they are sacrificed in Florida, out ports, or plundered for concealment. Being the first left in this condition, on our shore, it was more worthy of notice.

7. After great expences upon Northfields bridge, the works are so fastened as to be removed not otherwise than at great expence so that vessels with masts are almost excluded a passage above the Bridge, but on the Western or inner side is a walk seperated from the draw & made perfectly safe to passengers who before were obliged to pass the draw in the way of the carriages.

9. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Leach & wife & children, d. of his son Samuel, aet. 20, & for his eldest D. for several years in a state of debility, aet. 18. Mary Becket, d. of g. son Leach, pr. for g. sons at sea. She 89 years of age. Sara Leach, d. of her g. son

Leach. She 74 years of age. Wid. Elizabeth Peele, d. of J. Becket, aet. 79. Widow Silsbee & Wid. Cloutman & wid. of J. Becket, d. of David Felt, aet. 84, who married a Becket. Wid. Peele, son at sea. Benja. Blanchard & wife, d. of their youngest child. They have 8 with them.

13. I was at Boston. I visited the models of the principal buildings in Boston not yet disposed in any order but beautiful as detached pieces. Near the same apartment were the paintings of Vandrelin, his Attila & Adriadne. The expression was happy & in a higher style of execution & effect that I had ever seen. The Entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, by Sergeant, had not the effect of the landing of our Forefathers. The eyes of Jesus not on things around him, too many devotional postures for common joys & too many positions of rest & altar attitudes besides general confusion from many objects not characterized properly. My intention was to hear Revd. Holley, but he gave as a substitute my old Tutor Smith. The Congregation very thin, few men. One voice with the Instrument in the music gallery. A few Clergymen present. No active Citizens. We were told that on the next Lecture, would be a Contribution for the support of the lectures, & probably Mr. Holley's talents are to engage an audience. In old times we had no expences at the lecture. Mr. Farmer, keeper of the Charity House, sung & Williston rang the bell. No tax. I dined at the Tavern near the Brattle St. Church with a new Inn holder & a good dinner. I examined my Nephew's book store & took a few books & returned to Salem.

16. Sunday. Notes. Benj. Kitteredge & wife, d. of her Father at Brookfield, Jonathan Pellet, aet. 64. The death sudden as he was at his work in the day. Taken in evening & died next morning. Wid. Jane Rindge, d. of her husband abroad in West Indies, aet. 27. John Rindge. Wid. Sara Rindge, d. of her Son as above.

17. We have still open & mild weather expecting winter. Our Herring fishery still succeeds & great numbers are taken still near our shores. We might well prefer the habits of the fishermen as they appear around us, to the many who depend on the uncertain employment of the wharves & spend their idle hours in the places for spirituous liquors which are beyond measure multiplied by the increase of places called Cellars. Our fishermen are various. In Marblehead most hardy being chiefly bankers. Our Cape Ann fishermen are more in the bay fishery & a lower class, especially if they attend the market. Such as cure their fish have the best habits. In Manchester and Beverly they have the mixed life of the seamen, fishermen, artizans, & farmers, & have all the shades of character the various strength of their habits admit. But the lowest of them are exalted above our Lumberers, who increase.

20. It is said the Herring have appeared off Ipswich Old Town & for the first time in the memory of this generation. They have

been employed by torch light in taking them & with great success. This favours the belief of an uncommon quantity of fish on our coast this season. We have had abundance of cod, haddock, mackerel, herring, besides all the small fish of our Coast. Our boat fishery for Cod has been so abundant that they have been in the market at a dollar one hundred weight. The Mackerel & herring are salted & are not sacrificed but sent to a foreign market. The wharf on Marblehead side of Salem Harbour, westward of the Road to the old ferry, built by Wm. Gray since Lt. Gov. of the State, to accommodate his Vessels in the fishery & in that to provide for a relative as Shoresman, tho long neglected still affords the best landing on that side. Mr. G. had then in the fishery five Vessels which landed their fish at this wharf to be cured & fitted for the market. Shoreman Boubier. Patience, who married our man servant Mingo Freeman, died this week at the African School mistress' house on the hill, above High street. We reckon her about eighty. Her husband long since dead. Her father Plato Whipple, died, said 103, at Hamilton, 1799. He often visited Salem & was kindly received at Dr. Holyoke's who still lives at 90 years.

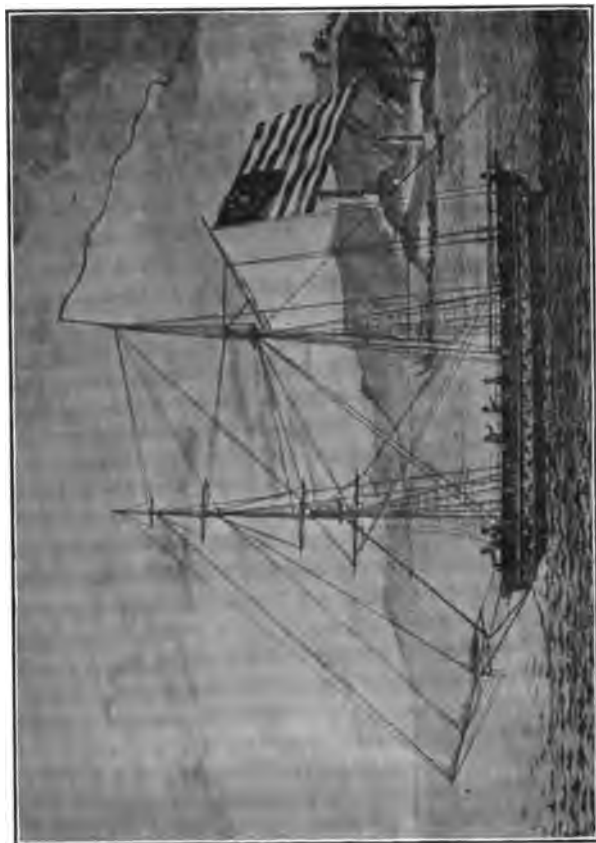
21. A Dr. Johnson, from Kitteridge of Andover, has taken a stand at Merchant's building, cor. of Union S.

23. Sunday. Proclamations of Gen. Thanksgivings have obtained more than at any former time. With our own we read the address on the subject of a general Hospital, which has been associated with this occasion. The new minister of the North Church, Mr. Abbot, is withdrawn from his labours by indisposition & from apprehensions of Consumption. The Branch, which has had hopes of obtaining Mr. Henry who was with them last year, have letters from him of his ill health & have relinquished the object. In the Universal Ch. they have heard a Mr. Flag & Mr. Pickering. The Deacon of the Baptist, lately under Censure, has left the town & the married woman disciplined & put in the Charity House. The Free Baptists help themselves. We have had no religious convulsions lately, which we attribute to the jealousies in the Tabernacle of the Branch which is to be Presbyterian.

25. This morning we were alarmed by the cry of fire. It was at the Factory just built at Danvers by R. Crowninshield for the manufacture of wool at a very extraordinary expence. He had formed a water course, provided a powerful wheel, collected the best Jennies & machines for fulling, rolling & shearing & had just put his works in motion. He was absent at the time of the fire. Nothing was saved. The wool in the factory had been collecting for many months & was sufficient for the full employment of the works for a long time. As fire was used in the building & not a circumstance leads suspicion, this great loss must be attributed to unknown accident. A workman going with the key in the morning discovered the fire.

27. Evils in quick succession come. Last evening died George Crowninshield, the late navigator of the *Cleopatra*, & son of the late Merchant of the same name. G. was born in Salem, 28 May 1766. He was the child of their strength. To a very robust constitution he united a most active temper & he was from his youth the first in every enterprise, the most fearless of danger & never sparing of himself in any labour he undertook. The employments of the sea were his constant care & no man earlier & better knew what belonged to practical seamanship. He was early at sea & had command of Vessels first in the West Indies & then in the east. He was commander in the W. India trade as early as 1790, & in 1794 sailed for India in the *Belisarius*, a well known ship in this port, with a band of brothers all of whom possessed a full share of industry with a variety of talent. He soon possessed the competence of wealth & has ever since supported the character of a man of generous charity, of being first in every danger, & of being strongly attached to the naval reputation of his Country. After the late war he determined to visit Europe, to which his employments at sea had never led. He resolved to make the object of his voyage the display of our naval architecture & of our ability to combine in the ships not only all the convenience, but all the luxuries of home. Without any other model than his own mind supplied he produced the celebrated *Cleopatra's Barge* & accomplished in her all he wished & after a visit to Rome he returned to the place of his nativity. Upon his return his iron constitution seemed to have lost its strength & he had such affections of the breast as obliged him to put himself under the care of his physician. He still retained all his cheerfulness & apparently his agility, but his complaints returned oftener than before. On the day he died he enjoyed all his meals, received his friends at his table in the *Barge* & supped in her. He complained not of pain but of fainting & in an instant expired without one sign of life remaining. Few men were more generous & very few had [a more] agreeable share of confidence. No man knew the practice of his profession better & no one who knew him denies that he had great virtues. Everyone recollects him with affection. About the same time died S. C. Ward, who was his companion in the *Cleopatra*. Sam was not without talents or wit, but embarrassed in his business he became at last a gay companion & lost that rank in society which in more early life he maintained. He had an excellent wife & able friends & he became content in this dependance. His children promise to fill the first ranks among our citizens. Never was a Consumption more lingering or a tall well formed man so thoroughly emaciated in my knowledge.

28. Died at Joseph Peabody's, our richest merchant, Catharine, the wid. of Rev. Elias Smith. This minister of Middleton, Essex, had two daughters both of which Mr. Peabody, who was from the



CLEOPATRA'S BARGE.

Built by Retire Becket, for George Crowninshield. Sumptuously furnished for a Pleasure-Yacht, and launched, fully rigged and equipped, October 21, 1816. From an original, painted at Genoa, now in possession of the Peabody Museum, Salem.

same place married in succession. Mr. Smith was a very agreeable man with whom I had some acquaintance, but with a small income and under some embarrassment, & in a Lawsuit with the noted Fuller of M. Mr. Smith was a man of taste & ambition & kept up respect & personal dignity. He was graceful in the pulpit & practical in his preaching and esteemed. Mrs. Smith lived with her children at Mr. Peabody's, well respected.

30. Sunday. Notes. John Crowninshield & wife, d. of Brother George. Br. & Sisters absent. Richard C. & wife, d. of Brother G. Brs. & Sisters absent. Benjamin W. C. as Secretary of the Navy, & N. Silsbee, who married the eldest Sister, as member of Congress. A Mr. Rice [who] married the younger Sister is about upon his travels with his wife. The sister Silsbee has gone to Washington with her husband as has the wife of B. W. C.

December 1, 1817. The death of Mr. G. C. so suddenly gave an opportunity to display the most wretched state of superstition, wealth absorbing the heart, our female friends wretchedly educated & worse associated. We were the slaves of the most miserable fears. Knowing nothing of nature, a man who died suddenly, tho with all the marks of dissolution, was in a trance. The blood from vessels dissolved & broken was life again & reports were that after buried & with the dead, a watch was placed to know whether he wished to come out again. A thousand tales, a thousand fears, have marked this event.

4. Our Annual Thanksgiving & as well observed for us as any I have known. No unseasonable or unsuitable noises in the streets. The field sports were innocent, the walks quiet, & the temper of the people happy. We had a good contribution & it appeared to be general & cheerful. More of the States have acquiesced in these solemnities than in any former year.

5. Was interred John Ward, son of John & G. S. of John of the old Lynn Tavern on the old road, since known by name as Norwood's & Newhall's, now of less fame from the turnpike. This John married Christiana, d. of Capt. Thomas Dean & seemed to have good prospects. He has suffered from his habits, & had been employed on our wharves & as Ship keeper in our vessels. It seems on Tuesday night he went down the Crowninshield wharf to take charge of Dodge's Vessel, then preparing for sea, & borrowed at a ship Chandler's shop a new Lantern. He went down & lighted his Candle & probably was on his return with the Lantern when he passed obliquely from the Vessel on the West of the wharf to an opening on the East between the two lower stores. When found in the morning he had received no water within him & died by instant suffocation. Both hands were extended as if to receive himself when falling. Little doubt can exist of the cause of this melancholy event. The night was rainy & the wind easterly, but many passed up & down the wharf & it was soon known

that he was missing by persons who visited the Vessel before 9 in the evening.

7. Sunday. Notes. Christiana Ward & children, d. of her husband, drowned. Israel Ward & children, d. of his Brother John Ward. The Minister of the North Meeting Mr. Abbott lays dangerously sick, said Consumption. My own prospects open & shut down. My people are indebted 2000 D. of a Salary, one of the Smallest in Essex. Several acts of munificence have preserved me from immediate suffering. What my future prospects will become must be unknown but my fears are greater than my hopes. The present assessments are so made that they cannot pay the salary & the Collector is without good habits & the proper means of his own support. Already he has hinted that he expects some aid in getting a living out of government. The deficient pay to the performer in the public music or on the bass viol has been left to be discharged out of my ill paid salary, after many hints of its situation. The habits of the Town from the beginning may be read from the old Church book & our own. These are all rewards for 34 years labour with no other consolation than it might be worse. The Universalists expect not to be able to pay another minister & the Free Baptists have long enough done without one after many unsuccessful attempts. The payments in the other societies are scanty enough & never direct but always assisted.

8. Was at R. Crowninshield's House near the ruins of the Factory. He has several foreign weavers in the former hot houses & a hatter in another apartment. The Irish were introduced & one Welch man. The Conversation was quite of a novel kind & not a little perplexing. Great stories & great conceit. A paper was left with me to prepare for the press of extraordinary kind, but something was to be substituted for it. Mrs. C. is Sui generis, but she says she can talk Irish. He is much urged by his men to reestablish the Factory & the sum he will receive from his brother G's interest will enable him but circumstances are indescribable.

11. Yesterday I spent with Mr. John Osgood & family at the Iron Factory at Danvers. The machines for nails were all at work from nails of one inch to six. The sale however is not so ready in this quarter from the multitude of such establishments. The Anchor making is still continued from 4 hundred to 2 tons. Between 20 & 30 men are in the employment of this establishment & the best order obtains among the workmen. In our bill of fare we had one of his Mungrel Geese. He keeps the Wild Geese around him. The bars for plates pass from the furnace through three pair of rollers before complete for cutting. A furnace with Rhode Island coal heated the plates for the cutting machines of which four were at work upon the larger nails for sheathing, decking & ship work. The largest Anchor among the Stock which

I saw was 15 hundred. Many of less weight were made not by order.

12. We have had a heavy rain Storm. A Brig from St. Johns & from Boston to Kennebunk was lost on Long Beach back of Marblehead. Crew & Cargo saved.

14. Sunday. There yet remains at 88 y. of age, a M. Rhue of the neutral French transported from Nova Scotia in 1755. Of the one hundred sent to Salem this is the only one left. She has great vigour yet. We have noticed before her refusal to submit to imprisonment in the poor House, & by the late Overseers has been indulged at her own hired house. But she lately came to me with a complaint that in a rich fanatical family when expecting relief she received a Tract, which she said she could not read as she had refused to read English or learn it but from necessity. That she was told to carry it to her D. & get her to read it. That it denounced her faith & her hopes. I told her to keep it & in my name to give it to her Father Dr. Matignon, when he paid his ghostly visit. Such is the spirit of Tract Societies.

16. The Frigate Congress going from Norfolk this month was becalmed. One of the steamboats took the Frigate in tow & succeeded with ease & considerable & unexpected celerity & left her at Anchor in the road off Sewell's point. This will be a lesson of real use & will lead us to diversify the experiments till we get possession of all the advantages. Our Steamboat proved an unsuccessful experiment & has sailed for the southward. In Marblehead on 10 Dec. in 24 hours arrived a Brig from the Mediterranean, a Brig from S. America & two other Brigs Coastwise. And in the same time Forty-eight Fishing Schooners belonging to Marblehead.

19. We are told of engagements for Ship building. One for Bray at the eastern part of the town & another for Silsbee on the southern. The nature of our India trade gives Salem the appearance of a place of great business when our India ships are at home, but when they are out it is a place of great silence & with little employment for day labourers. We have above 50 Vessels abroad in the India trade. See them specified in Salem Register for 29 Nov. last. Our Vessels have high reputation. One built in the last season for a packet & sold after one voyage, called the Palladium, obtained at Boston the high price of 21,150 Dollars. She had just arrived from Calcutta, John White, Master. Sold to Is[rael] Thorndike. The Cleopatra's Barge was built in the yard of Retire Becket. Our Ship Carpenters have never been rich but have generally continued long in their employment so that more than one generation have had the benefit of their labourers & the reputation & punctuality have given a value to their experience. The business in the Becket family has been above 150 years.

21. Sunday. Note. Francis Goss & wife, d. of their youngest child, pr. for her Brother absent at sea. Last week died in Boston, Wid. Hepsibah Edwards, Widow of Joseph Edwards, Bookseller, Cornhill, aet. 103. She was born in Salem, 25 Jan. 1715. The Centinel says she lost her parents early. Maintained her cheerfulness till near the close of life & a good reputation. I have not yet obtained from our aged friends her family name. She was well known to all who visited Bookstores before the Revolution.

25. We had a rainy day & bad walking, but in the evening we had our Oratorio from the Salem Handel Society. This association is formed under Mr. Pomroy, a citizen artificer, who has fine gifts of nature & a Mr. Canney who left the friends to follow Music wherever it might lead him. Mr. Kimball from Topsfield was with them. The principal parts from Handel. The Universal M. H. has the best Music gallery disposed in the manner of the seats of the Amphitheatre & of sufficient extent. The seats are strait, but the partition is high & circular & utterly excludes any intrusion or interruption. The exercises began at 6 & ended at half past nine. A very respectable company was present & all the house in view of the Choir full. Of the Clergy we had three Baptists Ministers. Mr. Pomroy attends in that communion & this fact is a sufficient explanation. However, no company in Salem can do better than this did, or as well.

26. Our Line of Stages East & West of us is excellent. An Opposition Line is immediately conceived from the supposed profitableness. We have already suffered in this way repeatedly in Salem. As soon as a stage began to run well, another appeared to divide the profits & that good for one proved ill for both. And in the mean time so many intruded as to reduce the whole to confusion & incompetency. Experience has taught us to apprehend evil from the new opposition.

28. Sunday. The last news from Maine informed me of the d. of my classmate Benjamin Rolfe. He chummed, as we called it, with Thomas Noyes, long since dead, & they were both from Newbury. Tho under the ministry of Dr. Tucker & both intended for the ministry, they did not seem to have advanced beyond others less favoured in the study of Theology. They had no fanaticism about them, but that regularity of life which was derived from constant restraint which their Constitutions had no tendency to resist. We promised from them what we found, all the sobriety of life & perseverance of habit which does no harm & but little good. Mr. Rolfe settled in Parsonsfield in York County & has continued their pastor till the present time. He first appears on the Register of Mass. as Minister of Parsonsfield in 1797, so that he must have been in the ministry 20 years, & he was among the eldest in the class when at College. Whether he had any charge before at present I knew

not, or whether Thomas Noyes had a charge but the College Catalogue does not italicise him.

29. Comm. Bainbridge lent me his Journal containing his remarks upon the Gulph stream. That by his reckoning tho in the true Lat. & Long. of the Gulph yet after a storm he perceived by his reckoning no force in the stream & yet no change in the temperature of the water. I observed to him that in our bores, the rise was with out motion & upwards as in the lock of a Canal, without any change in the temperature of the surface & that storms the longer the deeper they went bringing up the sand, submarine plants & substances long lodged on the bottom.

30. Notice of the Cape Cod Canal brought notice of the Salem Gore between Lynn & Marblehead & an account was prepared for the Essex Register for next time. We might thus run within Marblehead, Nahant, & Chelsea point to Boston. Some propositions have been made at Portsmouth for a new Line of Stages. Never were stages better conducted or more punctually than through Essex, & with great praise as far as Portland. The project is from the presumption that the Line is profitable.

January 1, 1818. A most pleasant day to begin the new Year. The past was the most fertile ever known. The seed time good, both harvests pleasant & time for ingathering complete. We had no snow to rest on the ground, no days unfit for labour. Our fishermen have returned. No disasters to our shipping at home or abroad. We have finished our Charity House with great reputation & it is managed with success. We have established our Market & provided all we wished for it. We have provided hearses for our funeral ceremonies & have obtained the means to enrich & display our Common with every suitable ornament. We have 50 vessels in the East India trade & a good proportion in other parts. We have had uncommon health & kind safety from every public calamity. It is a Century from the Establishment of our Religious Society in the Eastern part of the Town. The same house has stood a Century. Last year the Son of the first minister was living above 90 years, & the father of the last is now living at the same age. We have never lost a dwelling house by fire in the Century. We have never had an epidemic or prevailing sickness in the Century. We have never had any interruption to our religious peace for a Century. We may consider the review happy. All events belong to God. Duty ours.

2. Our Printer [of the Salem Register] has begun the new year with a larger paper & a better display of his work. We have hitherto contented ourselves with a humble sheet. The exertions of the printer promise to concur with the reputation of his correspondents & we hope to exhibit something worthy of our rank among the Commercial Cities. The Paper has a more splendid title, five instead of four columns, a new type & better arrangement.

6. Epiphany. Another experiment of the public taste. The form in which the bait was to be offered was choice music. And an able hand at the violin promised his party at the Church if the Company would assist him after Church at his Concert in the Hotel on the opposite side of the Street. What is Phippeny? Ans. Sights in a Church for which everyone is to pay five pennies? The riotous temper of some of the visitors & the mixed number of singers, prevented the most pleasing or the promised effect of this wonderful exhibition. A Star however appeared, not travelling, but suspended for admiration.

8. I was lead to search the records of the Old Church for what I did not find but received much attention from Dr. Prince who was employed upon his portable air pump which could perform two operations at a time in two receivers. I saw also his workshop in which he was provided with excellent tools for all works in metals, having been in early life an apprentice to the Pewterer's trade under Flag of Boston & having an early adroitness in use of tools especially turning in metals. He shew me his machine to secure the most sure cut of his focus, which worked perfectly. He then exhibited his microscope for transparent & then for opaque bodies & his method of ascertaining the magnifying power by lines admirably marked & placed near the object. His camera exhibited as near life as such a thing can particularly some fine paintings & colourings of refuse. His views of Rome were next, the other plates were of less perfect character & of diminished effect. By the help of his Son, a bookbinder, whose powers he has drawn out to usefulness, he had the books in his library bound in elegant manner both for appearance, press & ease of opening & use. He had constructed a cone, having parts moving on a common center of which the largest at botton received the larger volumes, & so the less till the top, giving more space & ingeniously disposed in segments for the purpose. He exhibited Donegan's insects. Had provided a microscope for the University, large, & another for Gov. Gore. His own of a smaller size. He exhibited his horizontal thermometers to discover the height to which it had arisen & another the degree to which it had fallen, by a body moved within the tube. We can find no person more distinguished as a mechanic. The workmen of Europe & America praise the specimens of his works especially in brass. He produced his plane of solid steel for planing surfaces in brass. Our mechanics admire his tools.

9. Wrote to Mr. Silsbee in answer to Mr. Randolph's enquiry about Gidney Clarke, Merchant of Barbadoes, & afterwards Collector at the port of Bridgetown. I found the place of his birth. His father Francis Clarke marr. Deb. d. of Bartholomew Gedney of Gedney court, Salem. That said B. G. as Col., had his name on the Corner stone of Salem Fort under Charles II & the first

of James II, [and] was of the Council of Mass. & Narrag[anset]. The painting of Deborah, the mother, now remains as of his Brother John, Capt. of the Fort with a view of the fort in 1744. B. G. reports on Narragansett affairs in 1686. Deb. bap. 1677. W. Gedney's wife's Br[other], Treasurer from 1711 to 1728. In 1700 assist[ed] to determine variation of Compass & surveys & was Clerk of Town in 1713, died 1730 [and] was succeeded as Clerk by Judge Lynde. John commanded the Salem Fort in 1744 & wrote J. C's Cannon Exercises for his Majesty's Fort in Salem. 10 Mar. 1744, John had his Brother's subscription for Salem, St. Peter's Church in 1732 and in 1749 Gedney C. assisted the poor of Salem. Dr. Holyoke was at the fort feast which John gave by his brother's order when G. C. was Collector at Bridgetown, Barbadoes. John Derby married Hann. d. of John Clark. Dr. John Cabot married Hanna, sister of G. C. John Clark married Ann Furneau. A d. of John married a nephew of Lord Thomas Fairfax & lived at Alexandria.

11. Sunday. Notes. Benjamin Dean & wife, for her very Sick, aet. 71. She was a Collins & her mother a Becket, Sister of the School Dame who died far advanced. Francis Goss & wife, d. of her eldest Brother William, son of James Becket, prayers for a Brother at sea, a Br. of William deceased. Our Epiphany was too ridiculous to escape notice. The persons who assembled were disorderly & the young priest finds that the observance has added nothing to the reputation of the Ceremonial of the Church. The people within & without were riotous & the golden star in the east did not overawe them. We are encouraged to hope we shall not have another attempt of the kind. President Allen of N. H. University was in Salem this day but did not appear in any of our pulpits. He informs me that the appeal had been made by the opposition to the Supreme Court of the United States but wishes for an instant decision. He has a pleasant countenance, a pleasing form, not so large as Kirkland. He has an address which obtains for him esteem & respect.

12. Last week I saw 200 flounders taken at Frye's Mill by the pole net & red rag.

13. The County of Essex continues to supply a plenty of the best Ship timber. The farmer who purchased the Orne farm at the Dishfull, says the timber alone will pay for the whole farm as it is now standing. The timber is now passing to the entrance of the Neck, on this side of the place where the Becketts antiently built. None of the places formerly employed on the Town side of the river are used for ship building commonly, but Mr. Hawkes launched a Ship last year in Daniel's Dock. Mr. Briggs by going on South field side drew many to yards on that side.

15. The discovery of a will or power [of attorney] in the

possession of a kept Mistress of G[eorge] C[rowninshield] has occasioned much sensation. The vitious part of the Community think it a debt of justice, tho they hardly dare commend the form. The Enlightened part of the community see the discharge of dividing property by law, while the Mistress divides by Will. R[ichard] had taken possession of the wonderful carriage of his brother, but the Br. J[ohn] notified him of the improper measure he had taken without effect. The Adm. informed him that if he did not return it, it should be taken by warrant. How small may even our great things make us appear. Alas for poor human nature.

16. Last evening we had the Oratorio in the Baptist Meeting House. We had nearly the same compositions. The Females performed excellently. The time was good. The Instruments in the first order. Mr. Pomeroy, Kenny, Perry & Alden did their parts well. This house perhaps sounds not so well as the Universal Meeting H. We had some melting notes & sublime strains & a general care in the performers but needed much an enunciation as the words were often difficultly distinguished. We never had a superior to Rhea for enunciation, or compass of voice, but let the number be what it might Rhea would always speak for them. In the Pulpit were Dr. Prince, Carlisle, Bolles, Leonard & myself. Audience large.

18. Sunday. Note. B. Dean & children, d. of his wife Susanna, aet. 71, a Collins, Mother a Becket, d. of John & Sister of John the Br. of Mrs. N. Silsbee, Peale, &c. One d. at home single, two married, one a Widow Hunt, other Chandler, both at home with father. One son at sea.

20. Died in Salem, Madam Mehitable Higginson, aet. 94. I experienced much favour from her attention to me upon my first visits to Salem, & great assistance from her favourable notice of my public services. She was a daughter of Dr. T. Robie, whose son died in Salem in 1811, aet. 82. Madam H. married John H., Register of Deeds & Town Clerk, who died before the American Revolution. Col. John Higginson died 1720, aet. 73 & John H., Register of Deeds, in 1744, & the last John, 1773. Dr. Robie died in 1730. When I came to Salem, Madam Meh. Higginson kept a School for young Ladies with her daughter Hitty, & this was the School of fashion for many years till the infirmities of the mother prevented her better energies. The mind remained till the last. She was possessed of a strong mind, strong attachments & good judgment in things of discretion. Her virtues were her powerful habits, & they combined with everything that made her respected, as well as esteemed. She was no ordinary woman in her manners, education or her conceptions.

22. Notice of a Subscription for the deficiency of Salary which had amounted to two thousand dollars. I consented to forgive

half upon the receipt of the other half. It was afterwards found that previous to any calculation of deficiency, I had received several donations & it was an insinuation whether if 800 were collected these donations might not be reckoned & so I receive less than half with all the interest due for 34 years? Economy.

23. At the funeral of Madam M. Higginson & at tea at Mr. W. Fabens. I had before told Mr. Fabens I wished to search Gedney Court for the Gedney House. He referred me to an old house blown down in the Gale of 1770, Aug. 31. But this old house had no accomodations. We were referred by Ch. Munday & wife, he 80, she 76, to Deacon Ruck's but that too high & the other too low without a lot. We found the house in Mr. W. Fabens possession, just beyond his own, with the pavement two feet under ground as far as the brook, the position of the pent house, outhouses & avenues. It had been used before the revolution as the Custom House in Salem for many years & came into the possession of Col. Frye, Son in law to Col. B. Pickman who died in 1773, as his Son Frye did lately. This estate was mortgaged to William Burnet Browne of Virginia, descended from the Brownes of Salem, & the discharge made by Mr. Needham from whom W. Fabens has purchased a warrantee deed. Lately the stack of chimnies was taken down & upon the kitchen mantle was found nailed a board which when washed by the rain appeared to have been painted & in the flourishes were found the figures 1645 giving probably the time when the house was erected. The frame yet stands of the main House. The back part is taken away to make room for W. Fabens new barn. The well is under the new barn filled up & in a line with the western end of the House which fronted to the Creek being on the west side. It had before it two very large elms in the memory of the present generation. Most of the pavement remains far under ground & undisturbed. The access to it from High Street is now open & by the Creek. Mr. Faben's new house & his Son's house are upon this Lot & several other new buildings. The Gedney house is used as a store & Lumber room. The high pitched roof & the covered projections of the upper story & the places where the old peaks were fixed are yet to be seen, but the frame bears many marks of great changes by the successive owners, but the bold projections of early grandeur are still to be seen. It is Central to the whole ground between Norman & High street & Summer & Mill street.

25. Sunday. Mr. Abbot of the North M. still continues indisposed & we have the pleasure of a Visit of a new Minister every Sunday as Mr. Dabney supplies the desk but absolutely refuses to preach in it, perhaps some pride, & some resentment. We are about in that state of quiet which follows great exertions & sleep sounder. The Sects are impotent as they have to contend with a common enemy. Such men as Hobbes are not to be repelled by scorn, when

such men as Franklin & our greatest men arraign themselves against the corruptions of Christianity, Trinity, satisfaction, eternal punishment, partial election, &c. are in doubt. The vexations of sects having no persecution to check them have led to funds & to incorporations so that voluntary contributions & parish taxes will be rare, if no convulsive changes disturb us. Our old Church has a legacy given it by Mr. Orne.

26. Dr. O. observed that Hon. N. Bowditch had engaged great notice by his Mathematical studies & lately by his translation of the whole works of the Immortal La Place. It was then a question what directed his Genius to this pursuit. This question was asked because in his early youth he was in my charge & consulted me about his studies. According to my recollection he became inquisitive & desirous of learning. His father, not destitute of powers of mind, had not the means, his mother was dead, & his sister had to provide for themselves. He attempted belles lettres but found nothing for principles in the common methods of instruction. The learned languages were a treasure to be gained by the logic of words of which the want in English prevented the use. The figures he saw in the first lessons something gotten. The elements were simple & demonstrative. He engaged with us in the survey. We found him powerful in calculation but totally deficient in projection & nothing in method for his Day Book. But what depended on calculation he was able to perform & no proofs did he neglect to confirm his results. He found instantly that he had only English Guides. He wished to see Newton's Universal Arithmetic. He told me he had consulted the masters of Schools, but they all told him of years of study for Latin. I told him no man knew all of English & that Math. Latin might be learnt in a very short time by a Mathematician. He succeeded & ventured into all the Books of European Mathematics with equal success in all languages. It was then hinted to him to turn his studies to account, which he had at first done in his voyages dictated as means of his support. He soon was ready with his corrected tables of Hamilton Moore, & then proceeded to aid the coasting pilots by his knowledge of the Long. & Lat. of places & in 1811 he persuaded Mr. Blunt to undertake the printing of the Nautical Almanac which has been readily continued. His Navigator has been approved & in the fourth edition the Tables are in stereotype. He had not advanced so far when upon an examination of De La Lande's Tables he detected some errors, which brought him letters of thanks from that eminent Mathematician. His Lunars by approximation has inclined the present French Astronomer to favour a method, which tho adapted to familiar use had not been encouraged, but now appeared to possess the greatest safety as well as great ease of method. His country had been led to notice him. He was invited into the Mathematical department of Cambridge University & has since been

noticed by the Government. His communications have obtained for him the membership of the American Academies, as well as the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. It has been hoped that his translation of *La Place* would appear. He is in person small, without anything prepossessing in his manners, but a head & countenance in his favour. He has extreme simplicity of mind, but has limited his enquiries to mathematical abstractions.

29. Mr. Silsbee our Member of Congress applied by his Brother Zechariah Fowle Silsbee for our List of Poor, he intending to distribute 100 D. or such an amount in Wood, Bread & other articles, as his Brother in Law G[eorge] C[rowninshield] had done & as he had done in known emergencies. John C. has also distributed bread this season. Indeed a few men bestow our Charities & do all the voluntary acts which assist society, when they get to a certain degree of wealth & public honours require it of them. But the many, especially the busy, run their goods & take care to pay no more duties than the Law can demand, & the Law servants can discover & oblige. In our voluntary contributions we have been able to find some men put a small sum because it might not be distinguished in the whole amount from the largest. Capt. G. C. left all his family far behind him, but what he did was known when done.

30. Yesterday & this day the boys skait on the surface of the street & fields. We have the promise in this weather of the best sleighing from the present covering of the ground.

February 1, 1818. Sunday. A Cold Sunday & so thin was the audience on the last Sunday that with the consent of the Deacon administering I omitted the Communion for the first time. We plainly see a change in the public manners. When I first came to Salem not a House of public worship thought of a Stove. The Quakers began, the North Church followed, then the Old Church, then St. Peter's, then the Baptists, & then the New South Church so that only three places of worship are without them, the Second Church or East Meeting, the Universalists, & the Branch, for even the Tabernacle has admitted this accomodation. They have appeared in several forms but the prevailing one is by the funnels through the roof, the horizontal pipes being found inconvenient from their soot & if not carefully suspended to be dangerous. The Houses should be constructed for them for as they now stand we may learn experience by some desolating fires. Last Saturday morning the Academy at Andover was destroyed by fire.

2. We were alarmed by the cry of Fire. Revd. Carlisle had ordered his sexton to burn his Chimney for the kitchen, which he did before sunrise. As I suppose no care was taken & the sparks were lodged under the eaves where the fire began. The Revd. C. was in bed, but the smell of burning pine & the smoak had given alarm. He discovered it under the eaves & instead of a bucket of

water, gave alarm. The roof was much injured & the house filled with water. The Cockloft was low & as the Parson could [not] reach he forgot the water could. Some pretend the fault was in the Chimney, but the position belys the origin. The Chimney was put on fire & left to its own discretion. The greater part of the furniture was removed & the house saved. The first time I have ever heard of fire kindling in the house of a Minister, out of 34 of all sorts or denom.

5. Hanna C[rowninshield], my pupil, took for me from the three quarter length of Capt. John Clarke of Salem Fort, the delineation of the Fort in his time, which was declared to have been the same nearly as in my time in 1783, during the Am. revolution. If so the perspective in the background of the picture was wrong. When Capt. St[ephen] Webb kept it the western wall was brick & the chamber of the Fort House lodged in the wall & the entrance was on the south side by a gallery entered at the east end from a flight of steps in the Fort. The Hall was lighted from the south only, & the chimney in the south which was closed above & below with dark closets. Around the hall were lodging rooms, large enough for beds, two on each side holding two beds. Below was the kitchen which had light on the south only. Southward of the gate which was in the middle of the western wall were the barracks, & then began the earthen ramparts in which were the embrasures, the artillery standing in the fort. We might have judged that the house was within the fort & tho the gate was represented, that the works were over it. In the wall, both under the house & behind the barracks, were loop holes. The Hall at the fort was the place in which parties of pleasure were entertained. Capt. Fry succeeded Clarke & then Mr. Webb till the fort came into the possession of the United States. For the new construction of the works see the time when made.

6. E. H. Derby, Esqr., the most active member of the Mass. Agricultural Society, assured me that he had lodged papers in all the offices of Salem for the design of the Cattle Show & could not obtain a Cent. The reply was the premium was not high enough. He told me that the opinion was abroad that it was a speculation & that they had a private interest. I gave him in exchange for a number of the Ag. Reports a Dutch painting of the Boor & his oxen, which came over with the first settlers of Salem. An invitation is given to the friends of Agriculture in Essex, to meet at Topsfield on 16 instant to form an Agricultural Society for the County of Essex in aid of the Mass. Agricultural Society.

7. As soon as anything succeeds it becomes the object of speculation & is ruined. Our Portsmouth Stage to Boston has been excellent. Competition refuses to be checked. There is not travelling enough for two stages. Yesterday I saw one arrive empty. A Commercial Stage has begun. It passes daily. Dines in Salem on

the return at the Hotel, not at the Sun [tavern] the place of the other Stage. Promises new & elegant Carriages, no shifting baggage, &c. Daniel Storey Agent. So was it on the Providence route with disadvantage.

8. Sunday. The course of my Century Sermons led me to examine the progress of attention to Church Music. I was happy enough to discover the only copies yet found of the first impression of the Bay Psalm book, & of Ainsworth that was used in the Salem Church in the first generation. I have also from the heirs of Dr. Appleton, the copy of Tate & Brady used by Dr. A. when that version was introduced at Cambridge in 1763 to be used before the University or in the worship of Cambridge church & College.

9. The high wind of the night of the 2nd was most felt towards Shallop Cove having destroyed the northern part of the barn belonging to the English house, the last building on the east side of Essex street at Neck Gate, & having unroofed another barn on the opposite side of the Cove at the Corner of Pleasant street entering Bridge street. The wind was powerfully felt along this course & brought many from their beds. We hear of no other damage in Salem. It was said the towering Steeple of the South Meeting rocked greatly & was heard to crack, so that the removal of it, became the conversation of the next day.

10. A Mr. Graves in the Charity House, a foreigner, sent for me but died before I reached him. The Catholic priest had visited him last Sunday. One of the former overseers observed that the plan of giving spirituous liquors to the labourers in the Charity house had fully expended all sums which their boasted fields of potatoes had gained & so left neither the town nor labourers better, indulging their proper rites & putting the town to trouble without benefit. Is it so? Capt. J. Dodge told me he fitted out a vessel at Newbury Port lately. That Mr. Bartlet assured him that he allowed no spirits on his wharves & no oaths & that he had more labour, less quarrelling & found ready submission to these restraints & begged him to follow the example, at least in Newbury Port, which he did without complaint. This Mr. B. is the well known patron of the Andover Institution. But he told Capt. D. that he valued all men who were sincere. The additions to our list of intemperate persons is undoubtedly increasing. Examples more bold in our towns & more encouraged by the great increase over the country of the little retailing shops which offer the temptation.

11. An unhappy contest in the street between G. Hodges & a younger son of Col. Harthorne, Eben. It came to blows & before the magistrate. Such things seldom happen among the citizens & therefore excite deeper interest & mark character. This is not the first public insult from the young man to the same person, on account of addressing his daughter. The dispute is accompanied with the most bitter reproaches. To open a better passage from

Marlborough st. into the Baptist Meeting yard a purchase was made of the buildings in front. A small house of four small rooms sold at Vendue under 200 D., to be removed. Such is the depreciation of real estate in Salem at present.

12. With me, introduced by W. Manning, two Indian Chiefs of the Penobscot tribe returning from a visit to the Court in Boston. One of them wrote the names of the two but carried them away with them. One had the high cheek bones & features of an Indian, the other was less in size & less characterised & was the more docile. I gave them a crucifix & two mass books, with paper & some plaster images. The last & the crucifix were from my pupil Hannah. As the interview was short, I learnt nothing but from the sight. Their pride seemed to be gratified & they repeated that they should come again next winter to see the Court. They were driven by a Quaker in a single horse sleigh. They had none of the tinsel about them that the other company had, of whom they complained they were too noisy. The other Indians had passed on before them on Monday last. They spoke with great affection of their Priests & of the Bishop Chevereux who takes a pastoral care of them. All their neighborhood with the Europeans appears to have taken nothing from that character in which they appeared to all progenitors & primitive settlers. Jealous of every purpose & always have two views of it what ever it might be. Never so disarmed as not to command all the ferocity in a moment.

Attended the funeral of a Mr. Graves from the Charity House, said from Ireland. As the Catholic Priest had visited him & many Irish Catholics were among the State's poor I concluded to read such portions of Scripture as were in the Breviary upon the Mass for the Dead, for interment & commemoration & I added a portion of Bourdalou & Massallon Sermon upon Luke vii, 12. I then added a prayer for the occasion in the form of our own churches. Protestants like such things best.

13. This morning died the Widow of my late Deacon W. Browne. She was at Marblehead on a visit to her first husband's children. Her family name was Mary Collins, born in 1740. She lived several years in the family of the Rev. W. Whitwell, who succeeded John Barnard in the old Church in Marblehead. This most amiable of men, son of Deacon Whitwell of the Old South Boston, I have had occasion frequently to notice & I have often heard from the pulpit. He was ordained Colleague, 1762 & died 1782. She married Mr. Orne unknown to me. Her brother Pickering C[ollins] lived on the Farm, Salem side of the mills, on Forrest river & was of my society, & with his sister was often in Master Watson's family. About 5 years after she married Deacon B[rowne] he died in Sept. 1811. He had a large & very differently situated family to whom she gave uniform content, had a most cheerful & uniform temper & was much beloved by all who

knew her. She was remarkable for the innocence which inspired confidence, for the freedom which always gave pleasure & by making friends at the first interview everywhere. She was prudent, active, ready, heeded no excitement & died blessed. She had no complaint. Rose earlier than usual, was familiar with the family, sat down at table for breakfast, & in the midst of pleasant conversation expired instantly. I never saw one more truly a widow indeed with all Paul's marks about her, aet. 78. Died in this town on the same day Ezekiel Howard of the Senior Class in Cambridge & son of my old friend Revd. Bezeleel Howard of Springfield, aet. 20. A son of W. Orne, Samuel, married a daughter of Mr. Howard & the young man was brought from Cambridge to Salem in his B's in law as nearer than home. The Son unknown but the father one of the most worthy men.

15. Sunday. Note. Elizabeth Bartlet & children, d. of her mother, pr. son at sea. A Mr. Skelton announced for the Branch this day. Whether under presbyterian or Hopkinsian influence I have not yet learned. Deacon Ross of the Tabernacle reported for the latter. This house has long been closed & being unpaid for, cannot be occupied by the few friends of Mr. Spaulding or the poorer sect of Free Baptists & the Ep. cannot buy it instead of their own. A Mr. Oliphant is to be ordained next Thursday at Beverly in the Congregation separated from the first Church & lately under Mr. Emerson. The pastor has been infirm & traveling & on & off for some time, but finally has renounced the object altogether. In regard to our morals, the use of the plates of Gloucester Bank for forgery is a very alarming event & we fear a most dreadful explanation. A person has been detected with a great number of the bills & the use of the original plates is hardly to be questioned. It is one of the most dreadful frauds which has been ever detected in our Country. The Bank is shut & all business with it has ceased.

19. From all quarters we hear of the extreme cold. The ice has formed a mile below Coney Island. Long Island Sound was frozen over. We have not found it so intensely cold as last year, but severe & of longer duration to make ice.

22. Sunday. Elizabeth Bartlet of last Sunday I at length found in the buildings at the head of Union wharf. The woman was out but the children told me she was from Marblehead & that her mother had died at that place at 80 years of age. Notes. James Browne & wife & Sisters, d. of their mother in law Browne & pr. for sons at sea. William Ropes & wife & children, d. of their mother in law Mary Browne, pr. for a son at sea. James [Browne], Deacon, married a Vincent, his second wife, first a Masury & have 9 children. Benjamin married an Andrews & are both living with children. William Ropes married a daughter & they have a large family of children. Col. Ropes is from this branch

& married an Archer, & has several children. A son at sea. Wid. of W. Masury is still living & has children. One married a Hobson & is now sick. Wid. of Capt. Roach still living. She has no children but a worthy woman. Joseph Vincent married Hannah B. & they have a family of children. John Hill married Mary, now his widow. She has many children & one son has a commission in the navy of the United States & daughters married. Capt. John Kehew married in 1814, Eunice, the youngest daughter & they live upon their lands at Amherst, N. H. To this daughter the father gave the eastern part of the Mansion House & land. Capt. W. Ropes lived in the Mansion house & had care of the Mother in law, who by agreement held nothing from the Brownes but all she had from the Orne estate. The Mother in Law alternately visited her children in Law in Salem & Marblehead. .

23. The death of Col. Humphreys has been more interesting from his frequent visits to us at the time of the Cape Ann Serpent. He took great care to be on the spot & to collect all the evidence respecting this new Comer & we are indebted to him for whatever has been published deserving of notice in the history of this event. The Col. was gay & had been in latter days eccentric, but enough of him remained to make him a highly interesting character & to give him everywhere a hearty welcome. His office as aid of Washington, as minister in Spain & Portugal, his interest in our agriculture, his poetic & other works, his interest in every useful discovery, & his manners, have all given him a place in our history & our affections.

24. The Gloucester bank is still a mystery, Jo. Allen, Cashier, says that the Bills prepared for the President to sign had been taken out, supposed the amount of 20 th. D. Wheeler of Watertown, upon whom much of the money was found, being without bondsmen is committed to prison. The man taken at Hartford was bailed as Wheeler, but taken again & is now in prison. Allen declares the thefts, but with little confidence. The bank is shut & Allen is abroad to detect the Thieves. It is said the thieves had false keys & attempted to break into the inner vault. But the money has been abroad some time & this is the first notice of the violation of the Bank. Another notice is abroad, extending the number of the denominations of the bills taken away but found not in the vault, but somewhere else not yet particularly known.

25. Master John Pennell who was buried last Sunday from the Charity House & had been in the education of youth 33 years & aged 63, came from England & in his last peregrinations came to Salem. He married a sister of John Foster, D. D., minister of Brighton. He had been in the best Mercantile houses of London & had no fault but his intemperance. He was a good writing master & accountant. Kept no public but a private school several years here.

March 1, 1818. Sunday. Note. Elizabeth Day & Children, d. of her husband, Thomas G. Day, aet. 38. Said from Mayo, County Connought, Ireland. The Catholic Bishop has persuaded the Strangers of his Communion, they say, to put themselves under my direction. In a letter directed to John G. Day, Knochs, near Swineford, Mayo, Ireland, dated Nov. last, Thomas informs his parents & kindred of himself & friends of his situation & complains of the want of a trade, which he recommends to give to all their children. Of one female friend, who was enquired after, he found she had been dead four years & had left three children. A Cousin had left her husband & behaved disreputably. A friend he had seen 7 years ago & was kindly received. The same man as in Ireland. Another friend had turned out miserably. He had for himself remained single till 7 Sept. last, when he had married an amiable widow with three children. He tells them that he dreamed one of his brothers was married against all good hopes. He expresses concern for their welfare & expects our answer. The outline of this Letter is true to the condition of these emigrants. Some die under hardships. Some are so illy provided that domestic habits are seldom safe & long continued. Some make great pretences to their friends at home which are very false. All suffer what are without convenient trades, & when their good dispositions lead them to a family they take a widow & children they cannot support. Much has been said of the steady habits of this man, who was employed sometimes in the field & sometimes on the wharf, always willing, but always poor.

3. The weather has been more mild for a few days & more dense fogs & more rapid thaws were never seen. The ice which inclosed us is gone & the sledding which has been for sometime uncommonly good, seems over for this season. We have an old saying, 6 weeks sledding in March. We impute this to the ignorance of the reckoning of the Gregorian year which by keeping the 10 & 23 days & one time reckoning on the one & then on the other would give something like six weeks to the month.

6. Notice is taken of the effect of the great rains & thaws upon our rivers. We learn that the Ipswich near us was greatly swollen & some of the bridges upon it carried away. The bridges upon the Merrimac suffered & the wooden ones in this County carried away. Rock Bridge in Newbury, & the Bodwell in Andover. We are told that on the Shawsheen, which empties into the Merrimac at Andover, a young man and woman were drowned when attempting to cross it. We may expect to hear of great destruction. Much property was lost at Haverhill in this county, & a ship on the stocks belonging to this town much endangered.

8. Sunday. Notes. Grace Graves, d. of her brother in law Capt. Henry Massey, aet. 40, pr. & her husband absent. Capt. Greaves gone for Brazil. At home we have an important inci-

dent. While the Rep. party was in power I was chairman of the School Comm. Some arts were employed to obtain the friend of a friend. After three attempts those of us for Mr. Avery gave up to our friends for Mr. M. Stephens. Mr. Stevens. has since been Grammar School Master. Whatever were his qualifications he was at first well received. The richest families had private schools. The value of money now begins to be felt by the men of the learned profession who know most of education & they have excited a wish for greater benefits from municipal establishments. The new arrangements at Boston of several Ushers under a principal master have had high recommendations. In consequence, J. Pickering in behalf of the Committee has ejected Stephens upon a notice by letter from another person, from his living & trust. Upon application to J. P. for the reasons, he was told for inability, & want of improvement. So a young man married in Town in hope of this employment & who has repaid to his father the expenses of his education to provide for a younger brother, is helpless upon the world. As Stephens has been careful of his manners he deserves a better fate. My old Schoolmaster T. Hunt was ejected at Boston in the same way & upon the same plan, as unable & worn out, but he did not go without some money in his pocket. When I first knew Salem Mr. Stewart was in the School. Mr. Noyes from Boston afterwards, who died in Carolina. Then Mr. Bancroft who died at Sea. Then Randal & Mr. Parker who was ejected for his habits & since Mr. Stephens. I know of no Grammar Master who died in his Charge. Master Nutting was living after I came to Salem but he was in the Custom House before the revolution. The School was filled for a short time by young graduates without any impression on the public mind.

At Exeter, N. H. lately has died Corydon, an African, aet. 100 or of so great an age as undoubtedly to be near or about that amount. We had one of the same age at Hamilton lately, mentioned elsewhere. These are Domestic negroes, who have fallen into good families & have never been tempted to desert. The state of freedom, which to this race, as far as I have known them, is a state of suffering, has given no examples of long life. Our seven blacks, all of good prospects, died in a few years after they took their freedom. Loder the only who died at home before freedom was thought of, died at a very advanced age. The aged Negroes have been the peaceable not the most capable but the most contented of the race, & whose temper has been assisted with mild & uniform treatment & a kind conformity to their exact pace of thinking & acting. Mr. Potter of Concord had a Boston, who was a servant to him above 60 years & of man's estate when purchased, who lived with his master & as he told him he should, died when his Master died, over 90 as was his Master. The best good will subsisted & the servant was all obedience & the master's will was

exactly Boston's pace & Boston's habits & knowledge. We have very few domestic negroes in New England, because they were useful only as they were bred in families or brought immediately to them.

We have had a late example of sudden deaths in the County. Mr. Bowman Byles of Lynnfield told me that a young Mr. Richardson returning to Lynnfield with the young woman whom he was to marry from Londonderry, borrowed a Chaise at Poor's in Andover & in passing the Shawsheen in Salem Turnpike, upon a flood, was lost with his companion. A Passenger gave the alarm who saw the Chaise & the woman holding to the bushes. But the alarm was not seasonable enough for assistance. The passenger rode & is unknown. The Persons were buried at Lynnfield on Friday last. As the rails were broken the horse may have leaped into from 5 to 15 feet of water. It was suspected the man was injured by some contusions as he had disappeared before the woman. The woman was found within an hour, the man in 24 hours. It was supposed the water had fallen five feet in an hour afterwards. The young man was charged not to proceed if the water was over the north side of the bridge as it was lower beyond. But having a load of goods before, he ventured.

9. Was our annual town meeting. The Opposition had repeated Caucuses, but the friends of the Adm. had none. At the meeting all was peace. Three of the Selectmen resigned, Ropes, Townsend, & Webb, & three were put in their places of the middle party. No opposition to the measures appeared. Every resignation was voluntary and no candidate had any opposition. We have increased our public debts so that we have completely sold ourselves to avoid embarrassment. The New Charity House, the New Market, the great repairs on roads, have put burdens we cannot easily support. Should Boston continue to rise from its known advantage & we continue to fall we shall not see an end to our debts very soon. The active but not the richest men of a party are not willing to mediate in such circumstances & we may expect the old aristocracy.

10. For the first time the Overseer's Bill was published as a distinct Bill. The Expences of the Town for the year ending March, 1818, are nearly 27 th. D. Of this 16 th. D. or 4-7 for poor, 1-6 for Schools.

11. The Day of special probate upon a will giving 8 th. D. to a natural Child of G[eorge] C[rowninshield]. It seems this child at birth had been sworn upon a young tradesman but afterwards confessed to be the child of G. C. This excentric man, by living with the lowest, had all the manners of the lowest mixed with the powerful impulse of finer feelings. Than this act nothing could be more shameful. But the woman found friends to declare that in confidence everything was intended for her which the will

& bonds declared. The Judge therefore established the will & the family must share the estate with this unhappy perjured woman & her offspring. These things are as humbling to family pride & the world's honor as they can be contrary to good hopes. It is not known how it was settled with McCombe. It was said no record was kept of it.

13. Last night was the cry of fire. It was in a small Shoe maker's Shop in North street, extinguished. The alarm was at eleven, the hour when the good are in bed & the bad abroad. And we never had less order in our streets. After the first alarm another was wantonly made & our Meeting House door burst open. The wretch was one Peele, belonging to the fanatic families. I threw all the passion I could into my language for I had no hope in my actions. To pursue such vile wretches is to make yourself uncomfortable. From J. P. Selectman of M[arblehead] I have the following. "Thursday 11 A. M., A Soldier—head shaved & hands tied behind him, was marched through the town by a company of Soldiers from the fort, music playing, a great concourse of boys attended the procession. Several woman are said to have fainted at the sight. The enclosed is submitted to your consideration." Upon this I gave a paragraph to the printer of the E. Register. In Marblehead soldiers are very unpopular & not at all suited to their manners or the prosperity of their families. The Hearse House built near East School, cost the town 184 d. says the Bill for the Town.

15. Sunday. Note. Wid. Eunice Richardson, d. of her Brother, Deacon Joseph Putnam of Danvers, aet. 75. A man of good reputation & usefulness. Last evening I received a notice that at the first meeting of the Institution of Savings in the Town of Salem & its vicinity, March 12, 1818, I was elected a member. This Institution is from an example given in Boston & under the patronage of Lt. Gov. Phillips. The act for Salem passed the Secretary's office 2 Feb. The Act bears at the head of the list Dr. E. A. Holyoke, followed with 20 names of the first merchants & active men in town. This system is adapted to draw every farthing of money into circulation, but whether voluntary savings have not been best is not a question. This is for those who have not sufficient resolution, or think they have not. We shall see the consequences. The dismissal of our G[rammar] Master has induced him to apply to all the Committee who evade the subject. One thousand dollars is voted to the next master & we are looking out to see whom he will probably be.

16. Upon the alarm of fire the ready movement of our Engines on this evening towards Beverly, upon fire in that quarter, might seem to have much humanity & sympathy, but the noise & rabble seem to indicate more of the effect of show & curiosity than of sentiment. At the adjournment of the Town meeting nothing was done to disturb the harmony.

17. We are told application has been made to a G[rammar] Master at Cambridge & a Graduate who has kept an Academy at North Andover is named. The delicacy of situation will allow no enquiries upon the subject. We are told Mr. Preston of the East Writing School has offered his resignation. It is insinuated that Master Dodge of North Salem has fallen under displeasure & that a Dr. Peabody actually assigned him the number of words as well as exercises of his School. We might be led to imagine that some other changes were required than in the Masters. I wish this little memo. should be a record of facts & even of feelings at the moment.

19. We have the death of Abner Hood of Nahant, aet. 84. This worthy old friend lived opposite to my old friend Breed. I made my home in my frequent visits to Nahant at Breed's but always interchanged civilities with this hospitable man. He had kindred in my charge & Mr. Edmond Needham now living at fourscore says in his youth he visited his uncle the father of the late Abner H. on the same spot. At Nahant we had plain fare & our sports of fishing & gunning. Mr. A. H. by keeping the publick house displeased the Friends but had been received into favour. He was buried on Thursday last just before the Friends had their fifth day meeting. He was an intelligent, cheerful & very obliging man.

Yesterday I attended the funeral of John Barr, the fourth, aet. 20, son of Robert, last in the family of Capt. B. Henderson whose wife was Sister to the mother, a Bray. The young man destroyed by Epilepsy. Grand Son of John Barr, who supplied the town for a long time with Sand, for domestic use from Gloucester shore & from his store at Northfield bridge. A man noted for his strength & roughness, but of integrity.

20. We have some antient wooden houses yet standing, three in my parish. Browne's, "Elder," Mr. English's & Col. Turner's & all in reputation. This week died at Gloucester my old friend David Pearce, Esq., aet. 82. I knew him while I was at Cambridge through his Son & while he enjoyed uncommon prosperity from the success of his armed Vessels in the revolution. His spermaceti works tho not eventually profitable to himself was a proud example to his country. He had something enthusiastic in his turn of mind & became attached to John Murray the Universalist. But his amiable temper always preserved him such a man as that doctrine in its best use might render him. He was mild, forbearing, & strong in faith. His daughter Beach was an accomplished woman. In his old age & infirmities he has often assured [me] he leaned with confidence on the arm of his Brother Col. Wm. Pearce, who retains his wealth & is richer than any man in Gloucester. The last time I saw David was at his Brother's & all his sweetness & hope remained with him. He gave me a minute account of his changes & of his expectations. He has been tried

& found faithful & has never departed from the most sacred integrity.

22. Sunday. This day we have a notice of a Volume of Sermons from Revd. N. Fisher of St. Peter's Church. In his day Joseph Bowditch used to carry about these sermons in his pocket to read them. Since the death of the author, Jo[seph] Story, one of the present Judges of the Supreme J[udicial] C[ourt] of U. S. A., has attached himself to St. Peter's Church & while a professed Unitarian is giving currency to the doctrines & discipline of the English Church by his example. He has given to the press these sermons & in the notice of the author mentions his ardent study of the antient Classics. The following fact will explain the true import of these expressions. Rev. McGilchrist left his library to his successor & the successor made them private property & sold them. I availed myself of the opportunity & intended a high price for Thucydides. But he sold the Books in the lump at a dollar a Volume & while I was marching off with my folio, he told me in his way he had read it, & it was only the war of the Giants. So little did the editor know what belonged to Classical erudition in not detecting vain pretention, very much like his own. This day was the wonderful Easter day, when the full moon came in the day. We have already proved the fathers were no calculators. The day was kept.

23. In Salem a C[ashie]r is dismissed. Bills are missed. Some amount is found upon one person. A promise is made to pay for the violation. The matter is hushed & when silence obtains, the man who promised to pay refused, & the offender has escaped & is not called for. So we go.

27. Forrester's money will serve to decorate Washington Square. Andrews is measuring his lines on the West & John F. will take Mason's house on the north & has determined to remove the wooden for the brick building on that spot. Advertisements for Elms are in the newspapers. When the Lombardy poplars came in fashion the rage for them was extreme. They were planted like the Locust tree everywhere. They have lost their reputation tho the handsomest tree we have. They are not durable tho quick. They grow high, but they spread below. They have insects, but large. Indeed the fashion is against them. Posterity may profit from our elms.

29. Sunday. Our old neighbour Spaulding has been with us lately from a section of Dutchess County, New York, where he has Missionary pay from a section 16 miles square but from voluntary contribution & not from the funds. He appeared in better spirits & twice preached on Sunday & once a lecture. He is to leave us this week. We admire his integrity, but his talents in the pulpit are not of the first brilliancy.

30. An Irishman far gone in consumption has threatened me in his fever that he will have satisfaction for my severe reproofs of

him for nothing but a wanton trick in maliciously, felonously & sacriligiously breaking to pieces the door of my Meeting House under pretence of ringing for fire when the watchmen had called the bellman & he had rung till the firewarden ordered him to stop & the bellman then in the street. No, says the man, but he chid hardly the boy in my service who was a man grown & working for himself upon wages.

31. And again my Landlord has contracted for the rent of my Schoolroom which I held from him without saying a word to me & this day I have been obliged to fix up rooms hired of J. Moriarty, Esqr., the rent not to be above 15 D. a year, in the upper Chambers, while unoccupied, in the front part of the Brown buildings corner of Union street facing on Essex & over Merchants Bank. This singular behaviour is to be attributed not to design but to inconsideration. We found the rooms much out of repair & much abused & most imperfectly finished upon contract.

April 2, 1818. The day of our Annual Humiliation commonly known as our Fast Day but this day appears without this usual name & is called in the Proclamation a Day of Humiliation & prayer & we shall probably hear no more of Fasting. Since my day the rigour of a Jewish fast has been observed. I have known the Adults of a Family to observe it in the letter Twenty-four hours as at Esqr. Chadwallada Ford's in Wilmington, & he was bred in the family of Gov. Spencer Phipps at Cambridge. At Father Potter's, above 80 y. from sunrise to sunset taking a little at the beginning & end of the Day with the rising & setting sun. In my G. F. Payne's family, in which I was educated, the Noon refreshment was omitted among the Whites & it was a cold Collation with the Blacks, the servants & children. In doubtful health a liquid was employed rather than a solid repast. And in all the families I knew before the revolution some change was required from the ordinary meals. Before the Revolution it had become the general practice for adults to take refreshment as they required it apart & as little like the ordinary meals as possible, and after sundown & evening family prayers, to have a warm supper much like that of a Monday consisting of family stores from the beef & pork powdering tubs, boiled with the roots of the Cellar, & if conveniently with the Dandalions & bitter herbs of a forward season. After the Revolution our best families relaxed from the antient dinner & in a short time it was uncommon not to find the greater part of a family at the family table, tho usually at first with a more frugal meal. It has at length become absurd to call it a Fast in regard to almost all the families in the commonwealth. The Governor by his omission in the Proclamation of the time, according to the example of the Southern States, has contributed not barely to the abolition but to the oblivion of the name. Long since our Churches on solemn occasions have accustomed themselves to call their days of humiliation, days

of prayer, so that hardly any of the Devout have taken the least notice of this omission in the proclamation being prepared for it from their own choice & the ordinary language on such occasions or similar ones. We had a decent assembly, but a very unpleasant day. More liberty was taken upon the Common than is common, but this was from the humbler sports which the men invited on the occasion & by the worst of the youth.

5. Sunday. Notes. Richard Crowninshield & wife, d. of their youngest child Jacob, aet. 13 M. & prayers for her mother & sister supposed to be living in Ireland, name unknown. Nancy Pierce, d. of her Brother Andrew Palfray, aet. 23, & Brothers absent. Nancy Oakman, d. of young Palfray who paid his addresses to her. This young man died of the Small pox taken at Smyrna, on his passage homewards. A shame to Salem & to the conduct towards Dr. Fancher whose easy terms of inoculation were refused from the motives of political party.

We praise Revere's Bells more when we first have them than afterwards. They have not yet been distinguished for their sweetness. A Bell of 900 lbs. has been carried to Durham, N. H. They venture to prefer it to any imported bell & so did we, but from patriotism.

6. Was the day for the Election of Gov. & Senators. We have been with little irritation & the event has been that the privilege itself without it did not draw more than one quarter to the polls of those who appear when there is a public irritation. Things in the public like those which have given great excitement cannot rise to common notice & cannot even become in the proverb a nine days' wonder. When I went to the poll at one o'clock, I saw one man on each side at the door with a ticket & nothing was said. In the Hall I saw only the proper officers, not a spectator & as I silently entered so I silently withdrew without speaking to any man.

7. All our old Continentals are looking up their enrollments, warrants & commissions for the bounty promised them in the late act. A poor deranged man who has been a Military officer, put on his reg. coat, buff underclothes, buckles & dark silk stockings & went to Boston. When he returned he said as he passed they said, there is an old Continental after his pension. He went to a vendue and bid off goods & ordered them home & they were sent, but he had nothing to pay & the goods were returned. The promise musters up many. A major comes from the Charity House. A Col. from his team & all the old Mechanics have some tour of duty they have done. And all ask to be brought into the way to get pay for what paper money never paid, tho they did not complain.

9. Mr. B. Webb, apothecary, has a Bell metal mortar weighing above 60 lbs which he purchased of Dr. Oliver, Benjamin Lynde Oliver, which had been long in the Lynde family, which is marked 1523 and on it is cast ICI BENONA COUANINR whom I take

to have been of the Toledo family of Coens which was afterwards in the Low countries.

13. The amphitheatrical form of Singing galleries placed at the end of houses & in front of pulpits has had great favour. It began in the Baptist house & then was in the Universalist's & both have improved their plans. On last Annual prayer day the Tabernacle opened theirs by a public evening singing. Our own being on the length of the house & having no need of a passage behind is on a square form rising with an open platform behind & has the entire command of the western windows which the others cannot have. This day we had a new specimen of Selftaught teachers. The Bar excludes from our Courts such men & the new Law excludes untaught men from medical practice. Our Churches now are the only receptacle of the untaught. One Jacob Wood, a shoemaker, who came lately to Salem & was in debt in his calling, has started at once into the pulpit & has been ordained or inducted into a Congregation of Volunteers at Shirley, Middlesex, Mass. This day Jacob preached to Turner's & Ballou's Charge in Salem & he is thought wonderful. It is not presumed that he has the elocution of Whitefield, the learning of Robert Robertson or the genius & cultivation of Elkanah Winchester, his forerunner in Universalism. But he has all the confidence, which no audience can daunt. We must wait for the good which is to come out of all these things. We have notice that the Wid. Richardson's son Nathaniel, who died at Malaga lately, had proper notice from the Spanish authorities, the Am. Consul & Am. citizens.

14. We had the painful news of the death of Revd. Joseph McKean, Professor of Rhetoric in the University of Cambridge. An excellent man but something uncomplying in his temper had made several situations less comfortable to him. He could not part with his independance & therefore left his charge at Milton from some controversy with L. G. Robbins. His talents would not allow him retirement & he succeeded John Adams, now Sec. of State, as Professor of Rhetoric. But something in the President prevented a cordial agreement for if McKean was wrong he was honest, whether irritable or independent. Tho I differed from him in Church & State in almost everything & surely did not admire some of his chosen specimens of good writings, yet I never had a doubt of the manly thought, bold purpose & sure integrity of the man, & doubt not he would have matured something worthy of himself & country.

16. My Nephew informs me that a consultation had been held upon the estate of my Father, but the recovery of it from my Brother in Law is not easy. The difficulty was in not keeping the estate bound, instead of the man. During this enquiry my Father's situation became known & Dr. Webster offered my Nephew a part of the Pemberton Fund, which grants a semi annual allowance of twelve Dollars. The Pemberton Fund is for the assistance of those who had seen better days.

17. On Wednesday I saw the Overseer of the Charity House with his gang at Ram Horn Cove making a road upon the spot where Derby fort road runs from Butt point to the height of land below Fort Lee. It had been neglected 160 years & was washed into a perpendicular bluff of 12 feet. Rocks of 10 tons had been moved as the O[verseer] said only by the stimulus of a drink of grog.

19. Sunday. Note. Wid. Eunice Richardson, d. of her eldest son Nathaniel & for Sons abroad. Nathaniel, aet. 18, was a young man of good hopes at first but gain hurried him into bold adventures. He had been much from home & died at Malaga in Spain in business there. Two sons are in Portland, Joshua & Israel, & William yet lives in Salem. She has been one of the most excellent of women. The father was killed in Daniel's street removing a building. A man disposed to get money. She was a Putnam & lately lost her Brother Deacon Putnam of Danvers, aet. 76. Distinguished by her charities. With all her sensibility she has sentiment enough to keep her from fanaticism. I have much depended upon her & Wid. Stone & Wid. H. Hodges, deceased.

20. The Institution for Savings in Salem have given notice that they opened for Deposits on the 15 instant & had 37 deposits from 5 D. upwards amounting to in the whole 3203 dollars. The silent, honest & careful do best in keeping their own money. The rich now know where it is & how much may be depended upon & where to seize perhaps.

21. Marblehead before the war had a greater population than Salem but it has not been so since the Revolution. Marblehead now begins to look up again. A few years success in the fishery sets them up again & they multiply beyond example. I met a woman today who exultingly told me "Marblehead was rising again & rising fast." Their industry is great.

23. Went with Mr. Secomb, the Chief proprietor, &c. to visit the Alum & Vitriol works they have established in Salem under Mr. Hunt, who began in the little compositions for the Physicians in Salem & then obtained alum works in Marlborough street. They have now a large establishment in North fields on the bank of North River just below the Northfield bridge opposite to the Town. All their works are upon a good scale & they can manufacture from one to two tons of each at their pleasure. I did not take the proportions of their works, but ample specimens of their success.

24. Mr. Upton this week continued his road from the Charity House to the Hospital so that it is passable, being thrown up & needing nothing but to settle to be very comfortable. The Washington square Common fence is finished on Brown street as far as Winter street, locust posts & oaken rails. Marblehead rising from the success of the fishery. They have a vent for fish in the interior & through Albany last year great quantities have passed into the western countries. They have assurances that this sale will continue & increase.

26. Sunday. Notes. Abigail Gibaut, wid. of my friend Edw. G. lays expiring. William Ropes & wife for her dangerously sick with Asthma fits severe. One son abroad. Martha Rice, d. of her eldest Son William Webb, Ropemaker, aet. 50 & for herself long confined & in great bodily infirmity. Last week died at Cambridge, Caleb Gannett, Esqr., aet. 73. He was my Tutor & Tutor of the Class to which I belonged. Soon after I entered College in 1773, Tutor Marsh was ordained at Weathersfield, Conn. & Caleb Gannett succeeded him. G. belonged to Bridgewater and had been a preacher in Nova Scotia & had at that time just returned. He graduated in 1763. He had a very extreme delivery, a worse style & little Theological skill. As a Tutor in Nat[ural] Philosophy he had not better success. He however got into the Academy & Hist. S[ociety] & while tutor in troublesome times into the Corporation of the University, one of the Tutors being then usually of that body & he was the eldest. When I went in as Tutor he went in as Steward, married into the Brattle Family & so has spent a long life quietly. Mr. G. had a stiffness to those he wished might fear him, but not a pleasant way of submitting even to those he wished to please. He was however much esteemed in the office of Steward, as attentive to his trust.

27. Abigail, Wid. of Capt. Edw. Gibaut, aet. 74, died at half past 4 P. M. I became early acquainted in the family & had from it every attention. They had one son who was a pupil at the University & by whom I entered into the intimate acquaintance I held. The first wife was Sara Crowninshield, Sister of George, d. of John & Sister of wife of E. H. Derby. She died in Oct., 1793, aet. 63, after I had been two years & an half at Mrs. H. Crowninshield's. Capt. E. Gibaut married his second wife, now deceased, in March, 1795, or about a year & an half after the death of his first wife. Abigail was then the Widow Whittemore & her family name Yell. Capt. Edward Gibaut died at Cape Ann, aet. 75, Nov. 1, 1803, & was buried at that place & a monument erected. His Son & only child John Gibaut, Esqr., Collector of Gloucester, died Aug. 11, 1805, aet. 38, about two years after his father, & the Widow of the Father soon after returned to Salem & purchased a house in Andrew Street & continued in it till her death. The second wife was taken young into the family & married from it & her husband dying in a few years she returned to it, was with them when the first wife died & by her prudence & her affections was entitled to succeed to all the honours of a wife.

28. In attention to Dr. N. Bowditch I collected what I had noticed & formed an Outline for Essex Register of the morrow. But I did not take the notice which was due to him as one of the Gov's Council for Mass. & as one of the Overseers of Harvard University or of his family. He married in March, 1798, Elizabeth, d. of Francis & May Boardman & only sister of Mary, the present

wife of B. Crowninshield, Secretary of the Navy. She died 18 Oct. following, aet. 19, and his Father Habaccuc Bowditch died 28 July, same year, aet. 61, excentric but a man of good talents, and the three sisters of Nath. were respected but all died soon after marriage. Nathaniel afterwards married a d. of Jonathan Ingersoll, Esqr., still living & has several children by her. She is at present in a state of great indisposition.

May 1, 1818. The weather still cool & the easterly winds have been felt at times for the month past. Nothing like flowers yet appear in the earth. In digging this day at the east corner of the Common on Washington Square to sink the posts in the new railing of locust posts & chestnut rails, was found an earth deeply impregnated & much resembling tan. At first recollecting Tan vats were here by Capt. Ives & Richardson, I did not know but that this spot had been filled with the waste of the pits at this head of East & Pleasant Street. The workmen had filled up these holes, & sawn their posts as they could not penetrate by the spades of their bars, saying it was hard as a rock. Upon carrying home the specimen of the loose part, I found a real gravel, siliceous & impregnated much like the beds & veins of the Neck, with which I intend to compare it.

3. Sunday. Note. Wid. Anstis Stone & Rebecca Newhall, d. of Abigail Gibaut. Rebecca Newhall is a Widow & Sister that has lived with Mad. Gibaut & has the income of her estate for life. Anstis Stone is the D. of a sister of the first Mad. Gibaut, a Crowninshield & by marriage a Babbidge & this Anstis a d. married to Capt. R. Stone lately deceased. This Anstis was educated by the first Mad. Gibaut & inherits after the death of the Sister, with Hanna, D. of Hannah & Wid. of Jacob Crowninshield with whom I live. This regard to my Landlady's daughter I most jealously promoted in a will which gave the distribution of the estate but a portion directly to the Sister. It is a valuable part of Domestic history. The disturbing of the Dead has given great alarm at Chebacco. Eight graves have been found without the bodies. A Dr. Sewall has been charged with it [and] a bill has been found by the Grand Jury. The case is to come on at the next November term. Many towns have been alarmed. It has been disclosed that the wife of Micah Saunders, in our New Ground, was taken from her Grave, but for a long time the alarm has been prevented till this great excitement brought it out. Dr. Sewall is Brother in Law to Mussey.

4. Mr. P. Saunders who was with me last Evening, breakfasted & dined with me this day. I went with him to G. C[rowninshield]'s barge & to the Museum. He shew to me all the Letters he had mentioned & urged one addressed to him to be sent to Hayti. It did not seem to fulfil his wishes. He wished me to write directly to Hayti & upon the Subject of the emigration of Africans from our States. I was cautious on this business & was to see him



**BENJAMIN LYNDE OLIVER, M. D.
1760-1835.**

**From a silhouette in possession of the
Essex Institute.**

again. He seems to be disappointed & yet nothing has been said. He speaks highly of Christophe, but of the jealousies around him he is jealous. Reports are that the men who have come out by his agency have eclipsed his talents in School keeping & some say that the King was rather surprised at his expences when in his service in England. Had defrayed them but not continued his favour or confidence. Something like this may be true. Having heard it before it made me cautious of all enquiries at the first interview.

5. A military day. All the Common is enclosed but the spot near the northeastern corner, where stands the Gun house, which it is said will be put at last without rails. But the greater part of the ground occupied by the late Charity House will be without the rails & upon this it will stand. The exclusion of the ground is to save the present expence of filling up. The whole has been conducted by a very narrow & if the Subscribers may be believed a not very ingenuous policy. At least some have been very uneasy & have for a long time withheld their subscription.

7. Dr. Oliver carried me to his house. He was instructed under Philips Payson, D. D., of Chelsea and did not take a public education & when I came to Salem in 1783 was in the practice of Physic in Virginia. He soon after returned & practiced in Salem. But being unmarried & having no practice in the Obstetric part of his profession & being an enemy to all Chirurgic operations, he must necessarily have small practice in a county where a man is sure to lose all reputation that is not equally ready for all branches of his profession. His mild manners have given him favour & he has amused himself variously. As a dilettante in music he practiced much on keyed instruments without a voice for singing & at length he provided an organ, built under his own directions, which has been since disposed of to St. Peter's Church. He seemed to have practiced much till some German introduced a different style, which he neither studied nor practiced & therefore neglected his amusement. He has since been very busy with the telescope & has shewn me several mirrors which he polished with his own labour of very different powers. He appears to have studied little the sciences to which they may be applied, much like his friend Dr. Prince, who has from his mechanic education employed his leisure in many mechanic productions which are honourable to him. Benjamin Lynde Oliver holds the mansion house of the Lynde family with many of the portraits preserved by his father who was a Gentleman, Scholar in the belles letters & a student in nature without any attempts at mechanism, tho fond of music. The Dr. is irreproachable, sincere, & modest with all his attainments.

8. Last evening Hon. Nath. Silsbee, our member of Congress, arrived at his home in Salem. He had been with his family thirteen days on his passage & having left his Brother in Law Hon.

Benj. W. Crowninshield, Sec. of the Navy, sick at Washington & having been sick himself. He also injured his side in the Steam Boat on his passage. His Brother was taken ill at the same time & was taken with a discharge of blood which his Physician called an effusion from some blood vessel, &c. The nature of the case is not determined. But the death of his Brother Jacob at Washington, & the late sudden d. of his Brother George, are circumstances associated with the present case of the Brother not adapted to relieve our apprehensions. Mr. Silsbee with me with a Son of Mr. Clay & Mr. Anderson, Memb. of Congress from Kentucky.

9. Died Eliz. Gardner, aet. 88, Sister of John G. & D. of J., called Commodore, at the corner of the Common. A maiden belonging to one of our antient families, now falling into decay. Capt. W. Marston, 67, raised a Large estate by his industry. He was a man of good person but of most humble education. His passions were strong & supplied many domestic anecdotes. His government was severe & the subjects of it not the most mild. He was capable of extremes in his friendship & aversions, but free from any other habits really ill. Capt. Israel Foster, 88, in Marblehead has been known as a merchant, & had the Orne farm, alias Peter's, in North fields. He was a man of great economy, but of good morals.

10. Sunday. Notes. William Lane & wife & children, d. of her mother Anna Brown, br. at sea. She was a young widow when I came to Salem in 1783, or just in that state, & brought up a large family with great care. With her elder daughter, wife of Capt. W. Lane, she passed the last years of her life. She was a d. of Nurse Messervey, who was a Wellman, & a most worthy woman. One Sister married Capt. John Osgood, another an Obear, another is single. Mrs. B. was intimate in the family in which I first lived. Abigail Welman & children, d. of her mother Brown. Husb. Capt. Adam Welman, lately has sailed in a Ship for the Indies. He has also his eldest son with him. Elizabeth Obear for d. of her Sister Brown & friends at Sea. A worthy but unfortunate widow. Mary Brown, d. of her Brother in law Brown, pr. for her Son & friends at sea. Widow Nath. Brown. She a Pickering, Mary, married 1797. He died at sea Sept., 1805, aet. 34, left 3 children. Wid. Sarah Richardson, sick.

11. The situation of Forest river for a Naval Depot has been noticed. It does command great advantages. The subject was offered to me by Capt. John Prince of Marblehead, who tho deemed excentric in his projects & opinions has in many instances discovered a prolific & a rationally independent mind. He has too much irritation especially when it interrupts the harmony of kindred & welcome of old friends. His letter will not answer in its present form but the substance of it is valuable & no man need be ashamed of it. We have been lately publishing his Uncle Ashley Bowen's Journal. He was a man of strong but uncultivated mind. He had a soul for

everything but his writings would not recommend him unless first known.

12. Mrs. E. Richardson gave her kinswoman that had long lived with her in sweet affection, Eliz. Fuller, to Jabez Farley of Ipswich. The mother of this young man is a fine woman & the father worthy of the name, still dear to Essex. Salem can ill spare such fine women who have united such choice affections with every familiar duty of life. Her mother is yet living & was present. The peace of our part of Salem has been much interrupted lately by the excentricities of James, S. of W. Becket. He for years indulged an exclusion from society. He is now upon the other extreme & is too much countenanced in his follies. He has ejected all his family & kindred & indulges in the greatest licence of tongue upon all subjects & upon all persons. It is something new in our History. Last Sunday was buried W. Maston, aet. 67. He has been a singular man. Of fine person, but of most violent passions. Every domestic has been injured by his rashness. No man has left more anecdotes of a cruel temper & of an insatiable enmity. At death he was visited by Dr. W[orcester]. It is not known how. In the presence of the Dr. we know nothing what, but after his departure nothing could be more extravagant, & in all these enmities & in worst language about them he continued till he died & with apparently as full conviction he was dying as of anything in his life. Much talk comes of course.

14. We have been amused not to say affronted, by the attempt to convey through our streets from Washington Square to Federal street, a House of three Stories from Mason's lot. The smaller parts had been sent on. The main house was dragged into the Street & stood for one week. Yesterday it passed St. Peter's Church. The pumps were removed & the Corner stone & after a day's work with a team of above 30 pair of oxen & their proper drivers, & with screws, chains & cables, I saw it turned. The operations did no honour to their judgment. There was no supreme command & the streets were injured in a most shameful manner. A Law of the Town is in favour of these acts from the jealousy that the opposition to it was against Town privilege. The experience of so much trouble, loss & confusion should open the eyes of the Citizens.

15. Selling Buffum's effects at Auction in the Store on Nutting Land, E. side of Becket street on Derby st. The persons who have in succession held this store have been unsuccessful in business & their property has been seized by their creditors.

17. Sunday. Note. James W. Stearns & wife for youngest child sick. It died this day. Yesterday was buried Samuel Chever, aet. 67, a Cabinet maker. He was a G. Son of the minister Chever of Manchester. He had long been deranged from apprehension of want, & tho apparently in perfect health has not worked at his trade

for several years. He has occasionally whetted saws for his neighbours. He was a neat workman & had a house below the Court house. On Thursday in the long dull weather [he] became more depressed & while his wife was in the garden, by a string from a bag over the upper bannister of his Stairs let himself in between the rails & hung himself. This branch of the family of Master Chever has been rather slow of powers. Master Chever's Son at Marblehead was eminent but his son at Manchester was a man of feeble powers & his son Amos used to preach occasionally in Manchester but was a very weak man. This Samuel was a g. son of the Manchester Minister, a degenerate plant, but no want of the social virtues or the good disposition of life till its close.

I have seen at H. Whipple's one of Collins' Quarto Bibles bound in the best manner. The binding far exceeds anything I have seen. The plates are from blocks but the designs are taken from the greatest masters. They are good. The paper of this Copy was good & the print neat, but rather too small. A Mr. Dodge, who married a Creole from the West Indies & lives in our North Fields on a farm belonging to Felt formerly, has presented one of these elegant copies to King Henry of Hayti, through P. Saunders, cost 25 D.

18. Mr. Rice with us from the southward. He married into the Crowninshield family & much against the prejudices of all of them. He had come into Salem as Carlisle, an adventurer, & had no part of the character of a Merchant. Nothing could impeach his character & yet it did not agree with the hopes of the family. Insensibly a reconciliation has taken place. The S. of the Navy & U. S. member of Congress have interchanged visits. G. is dead & left a portion to his Sister without a will, which by will perhaps he never would have given. Richard is so strangely placed that we rather wonder at his dislike, than justify it. Mr. Rice dined with John & we may view the whole difficulty over & the affair adjusted. Mr. Rice most kindly offered me his services in Philadelphia.

19. Mr. Dearborn has written to me on the subject of the Letter of his father about Bunker Hill. In that account he exhibits the conduct of Gen. Putnam very favourably. This has brought upon the execration of Gen. Putnam's son. With several testimonies he has endeavoured to prove the attack lawless & personal. In answer to D[earborn] I informed him of the paragraph in the Essex Register tending to prove from assurances of Gen. Stark, that Gen. S. thought as Gen. D. did. And referring the N. H. Gazette at Concord in which the Editor considers Gen. S's opinion as fully known. We recollect distinctly this account of Gen. Stark from his own mouth about six years ago. The United voice of S. & D. ought to establish the statement. I referred to Major Horatio Stark who has documents for the life of his Father. The Answer is intended to prove that he broke ground, that he was in the heat of the action, that a British officer told Trumbull that Putnam saved his

life by forbidding a man to shoot him as his friend in the action. Such an extraordinary fact has rather called for new proof than settled the question. It is evident that the history of the battle has said little of him & his services afterwards were in his name only.

21. Wrote another Letter to Gen. Dearborn respecting his Father's account of Bunker Hill. He feels all the force of party against his father in justifying Gen. Putnam's son. The truth is D[earborn] must be taken out of the way for the party always had a contempt of Putnam. In this last letter I have given him my visit to Gen. Stark, 31 May 1810, & the remark on the sight of the portrait of Gen. Putnam, "you know my opinion of that man. He was a poltoon. Had he done his duty the fate of his Country would have been decided in the first action."

This day was launched W. Gray's excellent Ship from Barker & Magoun's yard at the entrance of the Neck & opposite to the road to the Charity House, built under inspection of W. Silsbee. She went majestically into the Ocean at the time & in the manner to be wished. A Ship is now building at Hawkes' near Derby Wharf, below Daniels St., & another for Silsbee & Co. at Briggs, in South fields, opposite the town. Gray's Ship, from 384 tons, is of the best materials & faithfully built.

22. Mr. Upton with his hands from the Charity House discovered in the low lands between Ramhorn cove within the bar or Butt point & the range of Higginson's farm wall, a mineral spring. The water which overflows prevents immediate examination. The scum of the water & the ochre of the spot at which it rises promises a stronger impregnation than that at Spring pond. He has promised to search & to open the ground. When I came to Salem it was a bog & it does not appear that it has ever been opened by the plough before this time. No discovery has been made of iron tho the rocks everywhere discover it. The rocks are all siliceous in this neighbourhood & no other have been discovered. In some places the magnetic sand is found, called black sand, & on the opposite shores in great quantity & fit for common use. In this neighbourhood have been discovered great heaps of the Clam shell, undoubtedly collected by the Indians who appear to have made settlements on this shore.

23. A small boat returned this morning to Osgood's wharf, near Bridge Street, Planter's marsh, with three hands. They reached Kettle cove at dark last evening & in the morning took 70 lobsters most of which I saw as they were landed & getting ready for the market. The sea serpent has been seen again on the south shore & on the eastern. The Whales have been seen in the Bay by Vessels entering our ports. A wonderful number of small fish on Boston Common was told as an extra event of the last heavy rains. Upon enquiry it was found that the sudden rise of a pond communicating

with the sea had opened a communication with the low grounds beyond & as the waters soon subsided the minnows with which these waters abound were left upon these overflowed plains. We have seen countless numbers in spring upon Salem Common when the high tides flowed through the water course of East Street above Pleasant street, half way [up] the Common. Washington Square, alias the Common, has been railed anew the old railing being rotten. The new posts are of locust & the rails of oak. The workmen last week having finished the rails were scarfing the posts of the high gates east & west, for the other gates have been taken away as of little use. The posts of the Great gates of pine timber 18 inches & covered were entirely gone at the ground. They were sunk in sills with braces. Locust braces are put into the old sills & the scarfs are eight feet above ground & so let in that the same work may cover the main posts.

24. Sunday. Notes. Miriam Manning, Wid. of Richard M., d. of her Sister in Law Ruth, wid. of Francis Rust & Sister of her husband. She had lived 5 y. in her family. Pr. for children absent. Ruth married as third wife to Rust against the wishes of her friends. Aet. 78.

John Williams & wife, d. of her only sister Ann, wife of W. Brown of Lynn. She was a Burrill & was buried from the old house in which Councillor Burrill & Speaker of the House lived. Mr. Williams married a Hawkes & now a Williams. Mansfield Burrill, now living among us, was her father's brother & two brothers live. Another James at Lynn. She has five brothers yet living. Her sister married a Whittemore, before Brown. Suffered from a fall. Died at 60 y. of age. Ezra B. of Salem, who first kept a regular stage, her father's Brother.

James W. Stearns & wife, death of their youngest Child & d. aet. 14 months. She an Emerson, d. of the rich Emerson of Topsfield & g. g. d. of the late minister who was there when I first visited Topsfield with Herrick from Reading to see our Classmates Kimball & Wilds at that place. 1774 time of my visit.

25. Having Mr. Prince Saunders so much with me I thought I would go & hear Mr. Paul of the African Church in Boston. In his late visit to this quarter he had called upon me in regard to the subscription to provide African preachers for African assemblies. The Subscription & recommendation of a plan to encourage the education of Africans for the ministry. The great zeal displayed in the plan of a Colony, upon the subject of which Agents had gone from the U. S. A. to England, had been kindly received & had sailed for Africa, & the actual presence of Prince Saunders from England & Hayti, & some thought that he was a preacher & might assist, all these things gave a great interest to the occasion. The crowd was therefore great, the house full & overflowing. Many could not enter. He discovered no reach of power but great

solemnity of manner. He gave the tale of the Woman of Canaan pleading for her daughter. He impressed the audience with a regard to his sincerity & many with a sense of his talents. His person is good & much beyond that of Prince Saunders who is still the superior man.

26. No virulence can exceed that with which Gen. Dearborn is attacked. All the doggrel & insult of party vengeance are poured upon Gen. D. for what I never heard doubted. The Salem Gazette has gone into all the fullness of this unmerited abuse. We may depend Gen. Stark must go next, in some way or other. Mr. Samuel Buffum, aet. 74, buried this week, was a singular character. As a sail maker he was a pattern of fidelity, as a friend, unbounded in his services, but he had a strange antipathy to everything not English. Fond of Company, he was often at the public houses & long with innocence. At last the serpent bit him. He had no weakness but intemperance & yet he had no enemies. All found that all weakness did not prevent the purposes of his heart to others. Sympathy never withheld a care. A death by Lockjaw. S. Hovey, aet. 28, injured a finger & died in 36 hours after the symptoms appeared. I knew not what his habits were. He was slender & his father nervous & licentious. Since I have found he was harmless, but incapable of applying his mind to work & business. The Common is now railed. The Eastern gate nearly finished, not having suffered so much as the Western. The Eastern gate stands where the pond was in that part of the Common & the ground was raised by tan from the vats of Mr. Richardson. The western posts were rotted through being of timber above 2 feet square. The eastern were not penetrated an inch at the surface & in the ground were entire as were the braces.

27. Election Day. I went to Boston, spent most of the time with my Nephew, & dined with my Brother Samuel. Saw for the first time the New Methodist meeting & the new Universal meeting which are not far apart being on the two streets which cross from the main street on Cornhill to Tremont on the Common. I went into the House to hear President Moore's Election Sermon. It was upon the Sabbath. It was difficult to hear & the ground he took did not promise much & I left, as was easy from the place of my seat & the going in & out & from the time, the service beginning at one o'clock, the time for my dinner. I returned the same day.

28. The Magoons tell me that the three last ships they have built have not added to their property. The Calculations are so exact that a change in the season or an incident unforeseen takes away all the profit of the Contract. Our Mechanics are apt to complain. They find themselves in competence after all their sufferings, but the difference between the contractor & the hired men is not so great as it might safely become.

29. The Painters yesterday priming the rails & posts of the

Wash[ington] Common. The Carpenters say they declared they should expend from 3 to 4 h[undred] weight of paint. I had no apprehension of such a quantity. Probably including the weight of the oil used with it. The Gate posts are secured with perpendicular Locusts posts & braces & then the perpendicular posts secured together with irons through the whole with a nut on one side to hold them. Last work yesterday. The Gates will appear as at their first erection in all their proportions.

31. Sunday. In Marblehead last season they injured the Bell on the Old Meeting & had just replaced it, when this Sunday the good bell of St. Michael's was injured at second ringing. It was with difficulty the first Church got another. I know not what St. Michael's will do. The town of Bradford is immortal by the orchards of Mr. Balch & his neighbours, so that before the war, English men used to say the South bank of Merrimac in Essex was more like England than any part of America.

June 1, 1818. A town meeting in Salem upon the Schools. The many ejections have given much interest in this subject, just as executions do when extraordinary. New Districts were proposed as a trick & then given up, then a Grammar School was proposed. But we have one. But, says the chattering Judge, show impresses boys & for the same reason as he chose his Church show is good for children. Let us have a grand one. Not considering that the town has lately built a Charity House it has not paid for, an expensive market & out buildings that cannot pay the interest of the money, & all far beyond the needs of the town they must be oppressed by a new School house, when they have never had 40 Scholars in the old one & seldom half that number. But how the poor rise, but not in proud school houses. How many scholars, not from thousand dollar schoolmasters. The report made to the town supposes moral objections to the views of the Committee, before the matter had a hearing. However, Mr. Stephens is out & Ray in. Mr. Preston out & Gerrish in, & more changes still. The old Grammar school built long since I came to town will however do well enough for a writing School for the poorer children. Why should they not have show too?

2. We have much said about Baker's Island Lights. This is to concur in the plan of injuring the Young Gen. Dearborn as well as the Old. The light is not high enough, tho as high as the lower Light before & higher than that of Boston & the Eddystone light. Why not two, as two were at Thacher's Island at the entrance of the Bay. It is said the U. S. have lowered their Lights as better seen. Several writers have appeared on both sides, but the Marine Societies should act if needful. It has been proposed to have a pavement in Derby street near the Wharves. The town has accepted the purpose if 700 dollars can be obtained by subscription from those who have property & particular interest to be promoted

by this new expence. The Common Gates are now under repair & the eastern gate this day finished. The gun house still stands upon the northern gore between Winter & Pleasant street.

4. Went to Ipswich to see Betty Fuller now Farley. Great changes in building since I passed this road. Found her at Mrs. Cogswell's & the heiress boards with her. Went from her house to the Island just below the Bridge on which are Saw & Grist mills & an artificial fall of water. Scene romantic. Found Mr. Turner from South shore laying the keel of a Ship upwards of 300 tons. Visited the Miller Gaines & his extraordinary family of a wife & 2 daughters, paupers of the town. He 80 is bedridden. She & her daughters in a state of debility much like Idiotism, married after 50, just able to live & provide within themselves for a few wants, needing care of their neighbours. Miss Cogswell was with us & the mother of Mr. Farley & a Sister as we were coming away.

5. Capt. John Crowninshield is building a Vessel for the New Orleans Trade. He employes Retire Becket by the day. This man was once one of our Master Workmen, but a singular defect of constitution appeared in both his parents & in the branches of the family. His excentricities in him as the first example have ended in bad habits, as in his br. James. James for years was thought to keep confined to his chamber refusing many comforts of life. At length he started from confinement, scattered his family & after every excess was delivered to the public charity house. His escape has subjected him to the discipline of the house. This week we buried Daniel Bancroft, aet. 72. He was the most able Architect we had. We gave more to the genius of Macintire, as a Carver, but as a practical man in every part of Carpentry in house building, I have never known Mr. B's superior. His tool was sure & his judgement never questioned but by those who thought themselves authorised to examine it. He did the best work in Salem & was a great aid to the Craft. His judgment made them submit. He was from Reading & the family is still in that vicinity. He has left a wife & children in competence.

7. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Sara Leach & children, for her sick, aet. 76. She has 2 Wid. Sisters. She has 3 d. with her & one Son living. Her sister Wid. Porter, 80. Wid. Sister Hutcheson, 74. George Southward & family, for son dangerously sick. She has a Dysentery. Wm. ret. from Brasil, sick, with Capt. Graves. Has repeatedly relapsed. Benj. Patterson & wife, d. of their youngest Child, pr. for Father long sick & infirm. Son of William, a Barnes, long sick and in consumption.

8. This day I discovered by the Worcester Gazette that the Salem Gazette had misrepresented my paragraph intended to aid Gen. Dearborn in the present time of public obliquy & had called my own discretion in question in order to weaken my testimony, while he seemed to give a credit to my testimony to what I had denied. This

paragraph had all the perplexity which was suited to the genius of J. P., a true brat of the troublesome father, the therm. to W[ashington] & all the succeeding Presidents but now Councillor of Mass. tho convicted by facts of a misrepresentation of the state of our prisoners & as shamefully void of discretion in the affair of Fancher's inoculation in Salem. I prepared a reply from my feelings, whatever might be my judgement.

11. This day putting down the large stones upon the conduit near the old meeting house. The planks were judged improper for so large a surface having the pavement over it & street. The stones were rough, but split, of 12 or 14 feet upon a foot deep & $1\frac{1}{2}$ ft. face. The one in Liberty street has been put down in the same way & well secured. The well on the Common or Washington Square near the workhouse is left covered in the same way. All the Town wells must be so.

12. In making out the List of Revolutionary Soldiers at Marblehead claiming bounty were found 47 above sixty, 23 above 70, & 6 above 80. Each number including all above it. The true number was between 60 and 70, 24; bet. 70 & 80, 17; & bet. 80 & 90, 6 persons. The intended new Grammar School a subject of conversation. It is to be exclusive of everything but the learned languages. The expence will be great. Salaries great & salaries double, while the common schools are left at old salaries & all studies but of mere reading & writing are to be discouraged. A most barefaced project.

13. Great improvements around the Common. The walks have been cleared. Forrester's foundations are laid for his brick house upon Mason Lot. The foundations for Andrew on the west on the Gardner lot. The Best Grounds are cleared bet. White & Forrester & the small buildings are down Oliver's street which is on the Lynde Lot next Chever. The fate of the Gun house, now without the rails on the N. vacant land towards Pleasant st., is yet undecided. It stands upon its blocks waiting its fate. The old Crown-inshield house in which the Father lived lately & now Col. Lee, at the corner of Curtis St. on Derby street & built by Ropes, is the site for the New Custom House, Head of Derby Wharf. The heirs are to remove the Store at the head of the Derby Wharf. The new School house is authorised but the right to purchase is questioned & the whole plan has been developed with too little regard to public feeling. A majority was against it, but the plea was that it was for the poor. After the vote obtained the English exercises were rejected & the learned languages were obtained & tho the salary for it was high no provision was made for the reading & writing Schools nor was any care taken for the elements of Geography as before.

14. Sunday. Notes. Benjamin Upton & wife, d. of his Brother Joseph at sea, aet. 30. Five Brothers still left. Son of Paul Up-

ton, Master of the Charity House, at sea in the brig Lion from Salem, pr. for Brethren at sea. Mercy, wife of John Upton, d. of Joseph above, her husband & brethren at sea. We have a boastful account of Sunday Schools in Salem & its vicinity but as yet I see nothing of the effect. The Bible Society had the annual sermon at the Tabernacle, but I did not attend & have as yet heard nothing. In North Salem died William Brown Wheelright from Dover. He was a Minister among Friends & respected.

15. Gen. Dearborn gave us in 4 documents the full defence of his account of the battle of Bunker Hill. He had satisfactory evidence of the opinions of Gen. Stark & Col. Prescott, that did all that was done by command on the day. He has the fullest evidence of everything done under the breast works & abroad under the fences. Few cases admit so adequate a defence. Gen. Dearborn was attacked with great virulence by the family of Putnam for the account given. Gen. Dearborn's defence appeared for the first time in the Patriot of last Saturday.

16. We have the Keel of another Ship at Hawkes' yard near Derby Wharf. The frame of J. C.'s New Orleans vessel is up. The new ship it is said is for Peabody, M[erchant] of Salem. Salem is said to be 60 th. dollars in debt in violation of our antient economy. The Charity House stands for half of it, the Market for a part & the New School is to add to it. Capt. J. W. told me we were 60 th. D. in debt from the influence of Judge S[tory] upon our affairs. He has gained the new School House. A Question is now made of the effect. The Charity House draws many. It is doubtful whether the state poor be a benefit. Our D. poor made so by vice find a home. Capt. J. W. thinks all they do in labour does not pay for the Rum they drink. Our Market is a convenience but not to demand a very high price. A few stalls are let but most of the buildings are not in use. Such is the unfavourable view from urging expence beyond economy.

17. Capt. W. Blackler, aet. 78, to be buried this day in Marblehead, was active in the whole revolutionary war & was wounded in the service. He has high claims on public gratitude.

19. Col. Peirce with me from Gloucester, their wealthiest Merchant. He informs me that he has a Ship building upon his wharf. This is a pleasing addition to the account of Ship building which is now active along the whole shore of Essex. The 17 June was celebrated. A Beverly company dined at Wenham. Several Militia companies were under arms in Salem. The day of W. Prescott & J. Stark, not of Putnam.

21. Sunday. Note. Anna Masury & her four children, death of Son Richard, aet. 20. & Friends absent. She had a sister at Amherst, N. H. Her D. married Hobsen & Sloacum. Two Brothers, James & Benj. and 5 Sisters, Ropes, Roach, Vincent, Kehew & Welman. For the first time I heard the noon bell for the Sunday

School at the Tabernacle. Every effort is used to awaken the most desperate fanaticism, but the fits cannot come on so soon as nature has not strength for them. At Lynn & Beverly they have stronger throws, but in Marblehead most violent convulsions. Last Thursday Esqr. Prince told me they had seven lectures & the fury is so great that all the houses are open to kill, by exhausting the fury as soon as possible. Most humble minds are employed to create the distress. The present evil is truly great & the fuel is fit for the blaze or the constitution in just such habits as the fever loves for its worst distractions. I have it still under my eyes. Twenty females were in the nearest building from 4 to 6 yesterday morning stirring up one another. We are now all of the same heat & temper.

22. My birthday. I finish the 59th year of my age. My father is living in his 94th year. Mr. Bancroft, son of my friend Revd. Dr. Bancroft, was with me & Pr. Farrar & Dr. Bowditch. Mr. Bancroft is going out to complete his studies in Gottengen under the patronage of the College at Cambridge. Pr. Farrar told me that Israel Thorndike, Merchant of Boston, had purchased Pr. Ebeling of Hamburg's Library & presented it to the College at Cambridge. The whole expence it was calculated would be 6500 dollars.

25. The Selectmen, Overseers & Health Committee with Ministers had an annual dinner on Baker's Island. The whole Company between 30 & 40. The first boat, Health Boat, went down at 7 A. M. & the Sloop owned by Deacon John Stone of 1st Church at 8. The Deacon was Chairman of the Health Committee & as it was their day he was at the head of the table. I went at 7. A warm day, not many fish taken. We dined at Perkins' near the light House under a tent. On the western part of the Island we saw an excavation to discover money. Marks were given & it was to be found in the night & while the Scriptures were reading. Superstition has the multitude still. We had a pleasant time & were all in Salem at tea time.

26. B. Blanchard buried this day. He was in extreme indigence. I wrote to his brother Jesse in Marblehead. His two sons from Boston came at the time of the funeral. His father in Law Adams & Mother at the funeral. Blanchard was of a good family in Middlesex, but had sunk, being infirm. He had but a short time in his last illness. He has left 8 if not 10 children & has had a greater number.

28. Sunday. Notes. Elizabeth Blanchard, d. of her husband Benja. Blanchard. This man born in Woburn, since Burlington, removed to Beverly & had been in Salem seven years. He had a rheumatism which disabled him & has left two disabled children. He has two Sons, butchers, of his own calling, in the Boston market, & another at Charlestown. He was poor in extreme, & had no resources at the hour of death. Benj. Patterson, son of William,

long sick, extremely indigent & by the acts of begging belonging to many societies besides his own. He married a Barnes.

With me in the morning service a Mr. Larned, from Berkshire, educated in New Jersey & finished at Andover, where he was thought too fond of dress & too theatrical for the pulpit. He had a pleasant address, but concealed his terrors, tho fond of addressing the passions. He has been received at New Orleans, & 30 th. D. have been subscribed for a Meeting House & 3 th. D. for his Annual services. In the afternoon he was in the South M. H. & there he arraigned Hume & Shaftesbury & the damned. In the evening at the Tabernacle he rode on the thunder. He is a pleasant man and much elevated by his success at New Orleans.

29. The return of the Subscription Paper made to me is for such deficiencies of Salary as have occurred in the course of my ministry. The settlement had not been paid & the whole amount of deficiency was two thousand dollars. To make all easy, I engaged to take one thousand & give receipt & the thousand dollar Check on Merchants Bank I received. The paper runs thus headed by the Committee. "The Committee of the East Society understanding that Mr. Bentley has not received his regular salary, from some cause unknown to them, would recommend a voluntary subscription for the purpose of making good a part of the deficiency & rendering him comfortable in his advanced age. Therefore we the undersigned agree to pay the sum annexed to each of our names on demand." Salem, December 23, 1817.

B. W. Crowninshield, 100. N. Silsbee, 100. Jo. White, 75. G. Hodges, 50. R. Stone, 50. A. Stone, 20. J. Dodge, 40. J. Crowninshield, 50. W. Silsbee, 40. H. Hodges, 30. E. Hodges, 30. Z. F. Silsbee, 30. M. Townsend, 20. H. Prince, 20. D. Sage, 15. H. Elkins, 10. J. Chever, 20. J. Chever, 2d, 15. Jo. J. Knapp, 10. W. Lane, 5. D. Becket, 5. G. Gregoreson, 5. J. Chever, 5. B. Hawkes, 10. S. Dunlap, 10. A. Dunlap, 10. E. S., 5. E. Richardson, 15. J. Waters, 10. W. G., 3. W. Manning, 10. W. B. Parker, 5. S. Leach, 5. Jona. Archer, 20. S. Silsbee, 5. H. Prince, 2d, 10. W. Watson, 5. J. Browne, 7. Stephens, 5. J. W. Rogers, 15. John L. Rice, 50. T. Welman, 10. G. Hodges, 2d, 10. B. W. Crowninshield, 10. Subscribed above 975.

July 2, 1818. Last Sunday died at Marblehead, Capt. John Merritt, aet. 75, much respected. He was the last of the Captains of Col. Glover's regiment that marched to Cambridge in 1775. He had just received his pension, having been on the list two months, & the only officer of the Army of the Revolution in that town that had received a pension. This regiment was stationed at the tavern one mile from Cambridge towards West Cambridge or Menotomy. At this tavern, the Ship, the road entered from Milk row, & from Medford. They were chiefly seamen, a hardy race, but most extravagantly excentric & sportful. Col. Lee, the present Collector of

our port & Son of Major Lee of Manchester, was Lt. Col. & Joshua Orne, son of the Militia Col. Orne, was major. The men were not vitious, but all the time in motion, inventing & contriving amusements & tricks. I was frequently among them when at Cambridge. The first men were chiefly withdrawn when privateering came in fashion, as the sea was their element.

3. A Standard is prepared for the Mechanic Light Infantry, as a gift from the Mechanic Association in Salem, & this association is to make the greatest display on the 4th instant. The delivery is by one of the Citizens. I doubt whether any man in Salem can do it as well as the fine girls of Cape Ann did it, Misses Traske & Lowe, in thought or deed. Mr. Bartoll has high praise for the Standard which I have not yet seen described. Our buildings on the Common or Washington Square are in happy progress & the Cellar of J. Forrester is to have all the finishing of [English] in 1683, pavement, brick, & stone division & to be sealed with plastering above. The work of the cellar is well done. Andrews on the West has prepared a large bed of mortar, & built a brick wall westward, all as not yet begun. Other purchases on this Square proposed & small buildings on vacant lots.

4. In Salem we celebrated the Anniversary of July Fourth. The Day was welcomed by a salute from the Artillery & the ringing of bells. The Horse were out & the Mechanic Light Infantry were an escort to the Mechanic Association which proceeded through the Town & dined together with the Town Officers in the Town Hall. We felt the Joys of the Day. The display of our Flags from the Vessels in the Harbour was honourable to the occasion.

5. Sunday. Note. Fanny Langley, d. of her Husband. Died at the Hospital. The H[usban]d Nathaniel had been a few years in Salem & had just returned from sea, aet. 37. He left 5 children but had no residence.

7. I left Salem with my pupil H[annah] C[rowninshield] for Groton, where my Father is at present. Our first stop was at Wid. Upton's, so called, near Danvers line, 7 miles. We then spent an hour at Esqr. Blanchard's in Wilmington upon the estate of Esqr. Ford, when I had a home during the siege of Boston. We dined at Billerica & I had an interview with the worthy Dr. Cummings, aet. 79, who has a colleague, Mr. Whitman of the old Colony. The palace may be known in its ruins. Here I saw Mr. Mansfield formerly minister at Exeter, N. H. & belonging to Marblehead. I borrowed one of Father Chever's Latin Letters from him. In 5 miles we reached Chelmsford & in 7 more Westford, where we took tea & afterwards passed 7 miles further to Groton making the whole distance 43 miles. Much improvement was visible upon the face of the country. At Groton, near the Common, I found my Father.

July 8 I spent at Groton. Saw the Minister & several Merchants



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& Lawyers & found here Mr. Bright, son of Mr. Bright of North Square, Boston. He visited us as did Col. Wood an old Continental officer. We had delightful views of the surrounding country. From my Brother's, Wachuset was seen down the street from his House. After dinner we left Groton for Concord, returned to the Ridge & Brick tavern three miles on our former route & then passed for Littleton, leaving our former road on the left & going on the other side of Spectacle pond, leaving Littleton Meeting on our right as we returned. We rode 10 miles to Acton Pond, & stopped at White's at the Pond tavern. This pond is called Magog pond & is more regular in its surface than Spectacle pond, which is still more romantic. We passed to Concord over South Bridge which I well knew by Lee's House near it, now the property of Lt. Gov. Gray by mortgage. We entered a new Inn or buildings belonging to Dr. Hurd who was with me at College & one year before me. The Inn is kept by McIntosh, who was absent. The house was in excellent order. Here we took tea, lodged & breakfasted. The person who had the house in charge had lived 20 years in Concord & could give me some account of the population. I resided here while the College was here in 1776, 42 years ago with Mr. Potter.

9. I rose early & went to Deacon Parkman's. He has married as second wife, the Widow of Mr. Wheeler who lived on the way to Mr. Potter's & his children & her own have intermarried most affectionately. He informed me that all the children of my Host were dead, excepting Jonas Potter who lived near us & who is 80 years of age. That the heirs of Mr. Hubbard at the corner nearly opposite, were in a flourishing condition & that they had three houses upon the homestead. I could not find another of my acquaintance left. I just passed to the Minister's, Mr. Ripley. The North Bridge near his house where was Concord fight was gone & one placed above & below it. Dr. R. was one year before me in College & lived at Lee's. He married the wid. of Mr. Emerson, the former minister, who still lives & was the mother of Revd. Emerson of Boston. She was a daughter of the Revd. Mr. Bliss, his predecessor. Upon leaving Concord we took not the old road but the Union turnpike. It is much more hilly & seemed little used. We reached Cambridge & had an hour with Judge Winthrop, who entertained us with his usual hospitality, good sense & extensive learning. He had his LL. D. from Meadville, Pa. of which he is an overseer & to whom he gave some valuable books. He had Dr. Brotier's Telescope to whom he gave more than the Dr. asked, because leaving the Catholic Church in Boston he was obliged to make sacrifices which should never be exacted from Literary men. The Dr. was in good hands. We passed over West Boston bridge to Chauncey place & there we found R. Derby, who took us in a carriage to Comm. Bainbridge's office on Long wharf, & accompanied by the Comm. we were conveyed in the barge to the Ship

Independence, one of the U. S. 74's, a ship under his command. A Short visit to every part of the ship served to explain the excellent construction of the ship, the rich supplies, & the most exact discipline. Everything was in the highest order & all things displayed with wonderful care & in the most curious figures. The decks as clean as they could be made. We never could make any comparison as to the good order of everything on board, of the men, or of their readiness to display everything to us. We were shown the compound barrels for bullets. The locks on the Cannon, the School for the young men, which Mr. Everet kept. When the eye had wandered with surprise & astonishment, finding at every view something new that claimed attention, we returned to the barge, were conveyed to Mr. Derby's & took our carriage for Salem. The rain obliged us to hasten & stop at Lynn hotel, where we dined at a late hour & after dinner, when the rain ceased we reached home before sundown. The bill of expences was not less than 8 dollars. On the Journey our horse was good [but] I did not know how to manage him. He would seem to be fatigued, but if any Inn was near he was all life in an instant. I was afraid whether I should reach Groton & in Cambridge I expected to leave him, but he came over Salem turnpike like a race horse. These horses are educated to all the arts by which the horse letter can avail himself of the hirer. Upon the whole we may seldom expect to fare better than on this occasion.

12. Sunday. Note. Mary Patterson with her children, d. of her Husband Capt. Benjamin Patterson, pr. for a Brother absent. This is the last of the children of my friend Capt. W. Patterson, one of the best of men. I wish he had been more happy in his posterity. While I was on my late journey I found the distressed state of Shirley. Wood, the Shoemaker of Salem, neglecting his debts in Salem, had turned Universalist. Shirley which early became a seat for the Shakers, was ready for a new division. They had an old Cong. minister beyond his services, Mr. Whitney, for whom they provided upon his resignation. They had a colleague & the burden they wished to shun at any rate. This opportunity has offered & with what unhappy consequences it is not difficult to imagine.

On board the Independence I found the Son of my friend Rev. Everet of Dorchester, School master & Chaplain. In time of service the men take their seats at their dining tables & the Speaker at the Center is distinctly heard by the whole Company. The Preacher at the Branch has been supported from the missionary funds to preach in Salem. Such is the use of this Charity. It is said 12 h. D. is to be given to superintend. A letter from the celebrated Master Chever of Boston to his Son Samuel, Minister at Marblehead, on the back of which is the will of William Beal giving to his wife Mary a sum for life & dividing equally his estate among all his children, Samuel, William, John, Aaron, Ebenezer,

Martha, Elizabeth, & Thomas, reserving two acres of his Lands in Marblehead for his eldest son Samuel. Beal's Cove on Marblehead side is from this estate opposite to Brown's point. The two eldest sons Samuel & William Executors & if John & Aaron returned from sea to be added.

13. Hon. Mr. Silsbee has purchased the Briggs, alias Stone lot E. of the Common. He proposed to purchase the Crowninshield Lot, on which I live, between Essex & Bath St. fronting Union St. as the Lot of his Wife's ancestors, but the present incumbent, Widow of Jacob, would not resign it hoping to keep it for John, son of George, who had married her G. Daughter. The foundation of Andrew's house, west of the Square, is laid & the brick work upon the excellent cellar of the Forrester House goes on & is more visible daily. The Lot of G. Crowninshield has been sold to Government, in Derby street opp. the Derby wharf, & notice is given for the proposals of artificers. The House build by a Mr. Ropes & out Houses are advertised for sale, immediately to be removed. The Factory of wood upon Broad street is for sale & the site of the old Almshouse of 1749, which is already free of the Old Buildings, is named as the situation at the head of Summer street, corner of Broad st. & opp. High street, for the new Grammar School for which the Town of Salem has voted 10,000 dollars. The old Almshouse made three sides of a square of single buildings of three Stories, open on the south side on Broad st. opp. to the Burying Hill, & remained till the new Charity on the Neck was built.

16. The division of the Blaney wharf between Ingersoll & Allen, gave the lands at the head of the wharf to Ingersoll. They have long laid in common & the heir has set up her claims & has inclosed them. The Selectmen have interfered but the order of court appears & the time has not quite expired, which gives the town possession. The same estate has similar claims at the bottom of Turner street & whenever any work begins will interfere. When places are inclosed, long used as highways, the persons incommoded seldom examine into the right quietly.

17. In digging for the new foundations of the Andrew House in the west side of the Common were found the remains of a Blacksmith Shop. The forge laid in clay was upon the place which is now hard by the new brick wall on the western bounds bet. Andrew & White. I have not yet found any time at which this shop might have existed. It must depend upon whom Gardner purchased. My Landlady, set. 84, born in the Giggles house, after Kikkett, then Carlton, remembers no tradition of such a Shop so that it must have been above a century from our time. The Selectmen have delivered the Burial Grounds to the Health Committee. They have inclosed that upon the Hill above Broad street & are now inclosing that called the Old Ground, formerly called Burying Point. A stone wall separates it from the buildings below. The entrance on the

east is closed by the lots on the New street, Liberty Street. The entrance is upon the North in Charter street. A high fence is upon the eastern side & they are fixing the stone work on which is to stand a high fence on the west side. These Burying Grounds have been thoroughfared for the inhabitants not to say employed for other uses. The New Ground on North River fares no better.

18. This day was launched in South fields at Briggs' yard, a Ship of 250 tons built for the Silsbees. She descended to the water beautifully. She was coppered to the bends. In the centre was a pole to which was fastened the staff for the Pendant & the staff was supported by guys fore & aft. In Boston we used to put midships on deck a pair of light shears passing to the gun wales & lashed & then guyed fore and aft, to give the line of beauty the triangle between the Flag & Jack that a ship might not launch like a punch bowl, with the lowest part in the middle. I have laboured hard to correct this want of attention to the elegant appearance of a ship in her cradle & when moving upon her ways to the water.

19. Sunday. For the first time in my life I spent Sunday Boston fashion. The S. of Navy invited me to dine assuring me that the guests had promised to be in town & to attend public worship. This was the case with Comm. Bainbridge & R. Derby, Esqr. Gen. Dearborn, the Boston Collector, was in town at his father's. At two P. M. arrived from Boston his Exc. G. W. Campbell, our Minister for Russia, Comm. Hull, Hon. H. G. Otis & these with a few friends of Salem, Hon. N. Silsbee, the Brother, H. Elkins, Esqr. & John Dodge, Capt., with the Ladies of the family. I had just time to see them seated & retired as the time of service required, but did not return. It is easy to see whither such Sunday entertainment might lead, at least Clergymen.

23. We have not been as successful as we wished about the Gun House. One has been removed to the Neck, but one retained on the northeastern Corner beyond the rails on the Outside upon the gore made by the road & winding of the rails. The Artillery threatened hard, pretended claims to the use of the Common as a Training field, tho they had no right to any buildings upon it, & thought they had given up enough in leaving the inclosed ground. The building is small, shingled anew, & placed opposite to lifting bars so that the field pieces may be drawn upon the parade.

24. Lt. Gov. Gray & Son in town. B. Austin & family in town going to Cape Ann, and old Colonel Higginson. Mr. Le Grande also in town, & mentions the compliments of Gen. Lallemand, friend of Nap. His Brother lately at Washington. Forrester's House on the Common not yet above the first story. Andrews has not the foundation laid. Silsbee promises a house larger than either of these & the Sec. of the Navy talks of taking away his father in law's Boardman's wooden house. Mr. Rice at present intends to provide for the younger Crowninshield sister in Boston.

26. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Sara Becket, d. of her Son, one d. left, Wid. of John, Dr. of James Browne. Wife a Masury, first wife. A Brother at Sea. Her mother a fine woman. James Browne & wife, d. of G. Child. She a Vincent. He has many children by this wife. Son at sea.

This day the Female Asylum had their Annual Sermon. The females of best condition were sent round to engage the ministers to begin the evening service at an unusual hour so as to create a general enquiry & an increased importance on this occasion. They had found on other days they could get no attention from the men. The cause is plain. In Salem the best people, constant in the devotion of the first day, have no habits which are favourable to public devotion on any other day. The long controversy about it & the serious evils, the aversions of their primitive & best ministers contributed to this effect. Evening lectures are found to attract only the idle & weak & generally such as having no leisure but at such times & no amusements have their meetings in the places of devotion. It was therefore thought expedient to make a great sound to have it neither day nor night, but an exercise in which as much interruption of the common order & as much curiosity could combine as possible. But in this case the charity moves the slower, as it is a female association clogged with many more, which require the use of money contrary to the laws of domestic economy. However, the son of Dr. Dwight was called, for his zeal, from Boston to make greater excitement. I was alone in not changing the time of service, but in season to attend. The effect was as I expected. The Congregation was full, but of the young & of the female sex. The preacher urged charity as if preaching to his slaves. He told much of the Jewish polity which was false. His text made all who reproached their charity brutal, without giving it any precise character. He aggravated the pictures of misery in Salem, in which the public & private charities are the ugliest in the world & in which poverty wears the mildest possible form & within the narrowest limits, & finally he degraded all religion by representing G[od]'s promises under notes & papers with endorsers. Thus ended this humble experiment of pride under the Mask of charity. The rich he told that riches last only 4 generations & their children might beg of beggars. The most impudent beggar I ever heard in my life. Alas for great men's Sons even when they have place. It is not society degrades them, they degrade themselves.

This day a Mr. Leland was in the Tabernacle who exceeded all in the freedom of abuse. We are told that on Tuesday evening Elias Smith is to preach at the Universal Meeting & that he has had notice of what Leland had done & was to pay him in his own way. No man has better talents than Elias for this business. He has been for a long time a very popular itinerant free will baptist & a bitter reviler of the established Clergy. He said while in favour

with the sound Baptists, Stillman & Baldwin advised him to wear black gloves in dog days. He had published at Portsmouth, N. H. & elsewhere, a paper called the Herald. Many reports are against him from the freedom he takes which he calls lies, but he is a man of talents & before these stories, of popular talents. He is now become a Universalist, and no man can exceed him in that wit which makes with the people everything that it touches ridiculous. We have become too well acquainted with these things, but we must not stand between such men.

27. This day I engaged to accompany the Proprietors of the Amesbury Iron Factory on their annual visit. We left Salem at four in the morning in three Carriages which gave a company of eighteen & reached Ipswich for breakfast. Everything was ready upon our arrival. After Breakfast we passed to Newburyport & stopped a few minutes & then passed to Pearson's Inn on the Island of the Chain Bridge over the Merrimac between Newbury & Salisbury. We then passed three miles on the banks of the Merrimac & the Powo. We found a proud establishment on the Powo, in the neighbourhood of the falls & near several other Manufacturing companies. The principal building is from the solid rock of which three sides are composed. It has plenty of water which with great simplicity is made to move the various machines. We first saw the furnaces, then the Cutting Shears for Iron bars, then the rolling mills & slitting mills. Then the sixteen machines for nails. The one for the largest nails has a direct power. In the solid frame moves above a wheel which by a partial revolution raises by an intermediate joint, the hammer below & this press hammer at every movement gives a nail of 5 inches finished for use. This was the part of the machinery which was new to me & which is the last improvement. At the Cotton work in this neighbourhood & on the same stream, in addition to the Jennies & other works such as Cylinders & Looms, I saw a pair of Shears of which the knife lays flat on the cloth & over it moves another with a sharp edge but like a worm augur with most exact effect. The machine is said to be worth one hundred D. but with the right it is sold at 3 hundred D. Such is the language of its history. But it is productive of powerful effect & is said to do the labour of six men with the common shears with the care of only one. There was another intended factory for wool & cotton near, but not at work. There was also another small factory for nails. A Collation was handsomely prepared for us in the Upper Story of the Factory tho on the shore side on a level with the ground. We reached the Factory at 10 A. M. & left it between 12 & 1 at noon & returned to the Inn at the Chain bridge. This Bridge just escaped destruction from the ice of last winter & is much injured on its upper side in the part between the Island & Salisbury. At the Inn we had a very elegant dinner. Nothing was spared. With us were the Judges Story & Putnam,

Saltonstall, J. Prince Esqr, W. Peale, Dodge, W. Silsbee, Lawrence, S. Endicott, Jona Hodges, Micah Webb, W. S. Gray, G. Tucker, W. Richardson, Mr. Merrill, Mr. Choate, H. Appleton, Mr. Cole, Capt. Follansbee & Dr. Prescott, Mr. A. Ray, the Factor, &c., were among the guests. We returned from the Bridge on the new road & lower way to Newburyport along the river & entered the lower street ascending through Court Street to the Turnpike which we left in Rowley & reached Ipswich to sup where we breakfasted & at Ipswich we visited, a few of us, Turner's ship of 350 tons that he is building near the mills below Choate's Bridge. We reached Salem before the bell rang for 9 o'clock having ridden about 60 miles out & upon our return. The marks of decay in Newburyport are visible in everything, but particularly among the wharves which have no appearance of business. Not a good account is given of the state of society in Amesbury. Mr. Ray prefers to live in Newburyport. In Ipswich they have long abandoned their Commerce for agriculture & a few manufactures. The fishery is left chiefly to Chebacco. Beverly has suffered from the absence of Thorndike, & they say Dane declares a new house has not been raised for 10 years in the town. We found several ships building in Amesbury, Salisbury & Newburyport. In Newburyport they think themselves much injured by the Middlesex Canal. But they might easily avail themselves of Blodget's Canal, of one mile to the mouth of the Concord. But the fanaticism of the place & the great depression which the gloomy view of the public affairs of the Country for some time past occasioned the loss of their best spirits. Once we boasted, & even in the present generation, an open hearted & not less virtuous clergy in Essex. Our Barnard at Haverhill, Webster at Salisbury, Cary at Newburyport, Tucker in Newbury, Balch in Bradford. That we have descended from our former greatness must be confessed. And the value of such men is seen, but as no natural advantages are lost & the share of public good might at least retain in the general growing greatness, the primitive greatness without loss.

28. We had our Lecture in Cold Bathing. Dr. J. G. Coffin had been reading these Lectures in Boston. Related by marriage to John Derby, Esqr. Merchant, he came to Salem & gave notice of his Lectures. In the Advertisement he observed the practice was becoming more common, but the advantages were lost from not knowing the Laws by which the animal economy might profit from it. The Company was small & a greater part probably invited. The Lecture was short of an hour.

30. The Town have delivered by their Selectmen to the Health Committee the care of their Burial grounds. The Pickering family to enlarge the Graveyard on the Hill asked 30 D. a pole for back ground, amounting to 1,800 D. The Health Committee offered Three hundred D. or a sixth of the sum. W. P. a well informed man assured me that for years he knew the plan to impose the edu-

cation of their Children upon the town. They have obtained of 1 th. D. salary & 10 th. D. for a schoolhouse & the location to them, & they have assigned it to the Town's land bounding their own grounds, pretending it to be as nearly central as gotten & as the town had given them no right to purchase land to build only & therefore on Town Land. It has been his W. P. that the Engine men & ax & sail men & all such proper for labour at fires should be appointed by the Fire wards who command them & not by the Selectmen who have no control over them.

August 2, 1818. Sunday Notes. Hanna Larabee, d. mother. Her h. dead 15 years. She had lived six years in the family of A. Donaldson & had been most tenderly regarded. Her name Lucy. She had had several Children, but only one survived. The Salem Asylum at their annual contribution obtained Dollars. We had in our Loft last Saturday morning Dr. Be from S. C. He has left his charge in Charleston, or they him was singing songs of joy with the females over the Printing at Sunrise, yesterday morning. This is called order & peace.

Last week Tuesday Elias Smith gave testimony of his last conversion. He is now a Universalist & preached in the Church of Universalists. He said many witty things. He excused his situation, as he had been hitherto only in our barns, & declared films had fallen from his eyes. Some of his old friends followed him, but thought he did not appear to so great advantage as in his old ground. He has nothing of Rely in him, of mysticism, hypocrisy. He therefore can not excell in Rely's nonsense, he can not love anything implicit, or imputed. He has however so many better talents than any of the order that they are proud of him.

4. The Crowninshield house in which the late G. C. died, now demolished to give place to the Custom House. This house was built by the noted David Ropes who had many such adventures sold to G. C. He first held the Babbidge House opposite the Church or Meeting House opposite Hardy's street. But the Mansion House, or that of his Father, built nearly a Century ago, in which he was born, is that in which I live fronting Union street upon one of the Swamp lots & laying between Essex & Bath Streets on the Common. At some late sale of the Estate of the last George [Crowninshield], Richard purchased the Cleopatra's Barge at 15 th. D. & part of the American Ship at 4 th. D. These purchases excite some attention as the motives are yet unknown. The ornaments of the Barge, worth 7 th. D., are not disposed of in the sale of the vessel. We shall see.

7. Contracts for the Custom House have been accepted & a plan of the New School House, Broad street, has been received from Boston for which 50 dollars were given. The Wharf at the Charity House is going on under Mr. Paul Upton, who alone knows how to



render the vitious poor disposed for labour, but he is obliged to employ spirituous liquors for it. Our friends, 18 from this town, are out in two Vessels, one a Schooner, after the sea serpent. The conditions are day wages, if they do not take him, & a share in the fish, if they take him. Companies are said to be out in the bay from different towns, but we hear of no success.

9. Sunday. Notes. William Ropes & children, he has eight, d. of Mother Mary, aet. 57. She a Browne, D. of Deacon W. They have sons at sea. Col. W. Ropes is Capt. W's eldest Son.

James Browne & wife & Sisters d, of their Sister Ropes, pr. for Sons at Sea. It is to be noted that Mrs. Ropes not only left 8 children, but 8 of her own family survive her, of her Brothers & Sisters, & not one has died among the children till her own death since the death of their mother 33 years from the present date. They have been very friendly to each other. From some cause the Sunday Schools in Salem have been omitted. Whether the confusion they unnecessarily created, & the evil which was seen, or the want of reward for these extraordinary labours, the premature work has at present ceased. Lynn & Rowley have long been convulsed by the sects & prejudices which have obtained. In consequence they have fallen after a long struggle into the hands of the Andover people. There are other parishes waiting the same fate. Topsfield is nearly divided. Saugus is without a minister & Lynnfield has frequent visits from the sects which kill, before the others seize. They make no victories, but they seize the prey. They follow the army, as the animals of desert, not to kill, but devour. Christened a Child for one Richards, emigrant Irish. He & his Wife appear civil. The man applied some time since but R. objected, because he had threatened to force away from his service under the plea of ill usage. He had a Certificate from the Presb. Church, Ireland.

10. Our Boats from the Bay have not even imagined that they saw the extraordinary fish of which so much has been said. They were in the bay several days so that we have generally renounced the hope of taking the something this season. We have not only our curiosity to prompt us but our pride as the subject is that of laughter, particularly in the Southern States. They who say from Maine that they have seen such fish in Penobscot bay thirty years since say they were deterred from spreading the report except among their neighbours, to avoid the ridicule spent upon the subject.

11. We had a Vendue of the effects of a felodese, a Carpenter, S. Chever. He was an honest, industrious, melancholic man. He had in his possession his share of the books of his father Amos Chever, minister of Manchester, son of S. Chever, M. of Marblehead. Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy, 1624, obtained 7.50 Cents at this sale. The other Books sold well & better from regard

to the Widow who is a g. d. of the famous Revd. Peter Clark of Salem Village, now upper Danvers. Amos Cheever was ordained at Manchester, when the Church was formed on 7 Nov, 1716. Amos Cheever, son of Amos, often officiated, but with humble talents. The depression of families may be accounted for at so early a period, from the European manners. They had no great estates for the first born, but except the child educated publicly, the rest are put apprentices into common families with no other prospects than their handicrafts give them, & not always in the best disposition for the labour belonging to them.

13. By invitation I went to Cambridge for the first time to hear the exercises in the Theological Institution. I was at Cambridge just after 9. Visited the Library & found the great room much as formerly. Below & in the old Apparatus Chamber were new books, which I did not see. The Philosophy Chamber is a room for the Graduates, as a Reading Room. I was not in the apartments below. I found the Gentlemen of the College & some of the neighboring Clergy. The exercises began with Prayer by the President. I heard several of the Theses defended, but did not tarry to dine as by invitations but was with Judge Winthrop, where I dined & took tea. I visited also his Brother William on the Phipps farm & returned same night. I never had heard their students before and I was not able to compare, but the exercises were good indeed. Several paintings were introduced into the Philosophy Chamber, tho it has no claims to a well chosen collection or to any arrangement, but it is all they have.

16. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Sara Leach, remaining infirm in old age, aet. 76. Wid. Eunice Richardson, she a Putnam, d. of her Sister in Ohio, pr. for a g. son at sea. Samuel Skerry & wife, d. of his Sister, Widow Margaret Brown, aet. 69, in Winter street & goodness to him. He fell from his scaffold ladder in his barn & broke his leg, being above 70 years of age. He still holds a part of the old estate of Henry Skerry, & probably is the only man in Salem that holds as inheritance the lands of any primitive settler. The farm lays at Skerry's point, north westerly of Bridge street, bounding formerly on Smith, the potters field & the town road to Skerry's point, the land of the road still held & inclosed by the town. Mr. S. Skerry has recovered from his injury beyond all expectations at his age. His last wife, Bethia, a d. of the late Jona. Archer & Sister of Jonathan Archer, Collector. Mr. Skerry tells me his Sister married Thomas Brown. The Father of his Br. in Law possessed the Farm in Wenham bought of him by J. Gardner whose widow of the Pickering family now lives upon it. Thomas Brown long since died as did Nathaniel & the Widow of both of them died this year. One a Skerry, the other a Maservy. Edw. Brown, a Brother, still lives in Lynde st. & is Deacon of the North Ch. under the pastoral care of Revd. Abbot.

Mrs. Richardson tells me her Sister Lucia, Widow of Major Ezra Putnam, died at Marietta, aet. 86. Her husband has been dead several years. They left Danvers near Salem for the new settlements in 1787, & were among the first planters in that prosperous country. The Mr. Brown of Wenham, who sold to Gardner, had 8 sons, & moved to Sterling, formerly Lancaster. Mr. Jenk's Seamen's Meeting, Centre Wharf, has opened & as was expected with praise by both those who love London fashions anywhere. It is said the execution was good, whatever the design.

17. The wonderful fish has again been seen in Ipswich Bay, off Squam. On his back 20 protuberances were seen by Capt. Tim Hogkins, & he was judged to have been 120 feet long. The account of the day is more particular & probable. He was within 30 feet distance, head up about 3 to 5 feet. Head dark like a seals.

18. The Gunhouse painted & repaired. Repairing the roof of the Old Church built with our own in 1718. It is not expected to rebuild in that spot. Esqr. R. Ward, who is among the Curwen descendants, informs me that the Mansion house stood on the third lot from the corner of Court street in Essex st. eastwardly & on the side opposite to the old Church, & has been long since taken away. Next to the Jeffry lot & before we come to the Gardiner Brick house, now Rhusta. He tells me that the house had superb hangings on which portions of Scripture history were painted, often mentioned with great applause. The three quarter length of the Owner I reduced to save the sound part, & it still hangs in my apartments & I had the wonderful band of the Master of Horse, an office which he held at an early period of our history.*

21. The Secretary of the Navy, as a Parishioner, in behalf of Jacob, son of Hon. Jacob Crowinshield, & Hon. Dr. Bowditch, as of the Comm. of Proprietors whose rule was to invite ministers, whose children in charge were of the School, invited me to the examination of this day. The School had been established in Chestnut street under a Mr. Chandler, now under a Mr. Davis, who had been an assistant in the new Town Grammar School in Boston. The number of youth under the establishment is 30 & all of them had parts. A son of Dr. Bowditch opened in a Latin Oration & a Son of Mr. Robinson closed with an English oration. The youth appeared with good manners & most with freedom. The company was large & the Ladies brilliant. Our Sec. of Navy & M. of Congress were present with their families. I have preserved a copy of the exercises. They were altogether declamations. The private examination of the morning took up the other exercises. To myself was assigned an address & prayer.

*Both the portrait and the band are now in the museum of the Essex Institute.

A School under Mr. Felt was examined on the same day near the Common.

22. This day we had our Annual examination of the Town Schools in Salem. The Masters were all new to me, but the ejection of the former masters had taught the new ones their lessons so well that all was submission. The number approaching to 500 was a fifth part greater than at any former time. Our eastern school gave 143 of the number. The Grammer School, 30. We may reckon including the females taught in these schools, & in the Little Children's School & in the 6 private Schools that the whole number at School must be over 1200. The Schools were in better order as to subordination. The children were better dressed. But whether we owe these things to circumstances will be known in the event. The Instruction was the same, excepting that the New Master in the West promises to redeem the reputation of Mr. Hacker in writing. In the other Schools want of taste promises no advantages in that art. The exercises continued from 8 A. M. to 2 P. M. Opened with prayer & closed with an Address. The Town Hall was completely filled. Few persons attended the examination.

23. Sunday. Note. George Southward & wife & Children, d. of his Son William, aet. 28. William was a youth who in the main did well, but his education & associations were too powerful. He had been sick abroad, returned, relapsed, was long sick & sunk under his evils. This day President Kirkland of Cambridge was in town to visit Joseph Orne expiring. He found Mr. Eaton of Boxford on an exchange with Dr. Prince & preached in the Old Church in the morning. I wrote to him & obtained his services with me in the afternoon. He gave us a good sermon on the love of our Neighbour. I have long wished this opportunity to confirm our friendship in our Profession.

24. Rather a wounding day to the Pride of Salem. The Bank called Essex, & most proudly located in Market Street has suffered in its reputation by the absence of the Cashier, Sheppard Gray,* & his indorser, James King, the second, both married in the Town. Gray was a g. g. son of Mr. Gray who held the lot below us on the Common range & has passed with many as rich. He bought Revd. Fisher's house in Federal street & built a superb house on the Lot. James King has become a favorite for his bounty at military parades, & aid of parties of pleasure. It is known that they have withdrawn. The Bank directors are upon search into the state of the bank which these men had in trust. This was the first incorporated Bank in Salem. The first derangement of the affairs of the absconding persons is attributed to their connection with one Thomas in the plan of keeping Merino Sheep in Windsor, Vt. which proved a total loss to the Company as Thomas managed it.

*Son of William Gray, 3d.

26. Commencement at Cambridge. I went at the usual hour & reached Cambridge in the Stage through Boston at ten. I saw the procession into which I entered at the gate & passed to the Meeting House & heard the prayer & salutatory oration. Went to Judge Winthrop's & to Hilliard's at the University press obtained 3 Catalogues of the year, four Theses & a copy of the order of Exercises. I had some severe admonitions about faith from Br. Homer according to his lessons. I conversed with no prominent characters of the day but had time only for the usual salutations, dined at Judge Winthrop's, went to Boston, found the stage gone, but obtained a Chaise, found the Stage at Lynn & reached Salem. Some of the exercises were much praised, & the class was the largest ever graduated in Cambridge. Wednesday is the Academic day, but Thursday is also included of late years, but by no statute on the red letter days. A prize this year for elocution for the first time & some other associations that have the privileges of the public rooms by indulgence. So that the brilliant part of the scenery may be found on the second day rather than the first, or rather is more displayed & more detached from the other which is much dispersed.

27. Married a g. d. of the German who married Eborn's daughter & lived in a small house on Boston road, where the new road met the old one, turning into Eborn's street & passing over Strong water brook. This German's name is Trewater, now written Trofatter. He left America half a century ago, landed in Germany & has not since been heard of. His Widow died lately, aet. 86. The Father of the bride lives in Salem in the Epes House as you enter Andover street from Federal. He has 10 children, 4 sons. 7 were present this evening. Supposed from Saale circle in Lower Saxony.

30. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Leach & wife & children, d. of his mother Wid. Sara Leach, aet. 76. Wid. Sara Waters, d. of her Mother S. Leach. These the two Children left. Wid. Mary Hutchinson & children, d. of her sister Leach & pr. for g. children at sea. Aet. 74. Their elder Sister Wid. Porter is 78, much afflicted by the shaking Palsy. Several arrivals from Bombay by Capt. Orne, Fairfield & Rogers confirm the belief that the missions at that place are a burlesque upon Charity. Neither conducted with ability, received with respect, or accompanied with any good effect whatever. The natives appear unable to explain a work so insufficiently conducted for any good purpose. Br. Homer, a Classmate, instigated by the gang, attacked me at Cambridge. The form of attack tho it discovered a disingenuous purpose, yet spake plainly that some perverted facts have been the ground of accusation. It had nothing moral in it, more than their religion, which is often void of the semblance of truth. Questions about Saying Grace, Praying in the family, freedom of conversation, method of preaching. So much for Br. Worcester.

September 1, 1818. Sec. of the Navy introduced me at his table to Hon. John Williams of Senate of U. S. A. from Tennessee, & Hon. — Johnson from New Orleans, of the Senate of U. S. A. After dinner we went for Marblehead, went to the Fort, & were handsomely received by Colonel Harris & afterwards at the Collector's, Joseph Wilson, Esqr. We returned before dark to Salem, & visited the Cleopatra's Barge, Charity House & different parts, houses & occupations in Salem. In Marblehead the fares this year not equal to those of last. We were kindly shewn all the process of curing fish when landed from the Vessel, till sent to market & the fish of all seasons & quality. We found the fort at Marblehead in excellent order. The old Meeting H. is falling to decay as if they wished another, but had not the spirit of Sandy bay to begin generously. Complain as in Salem of domestic market for fresh fish when countless fish around our shores. Speak of 100 fishing vessels at Marblehead. The Throgmorton road not yet open from Back street. Only a foot path used. Half of Gatchel's house down. Col. Glover's neglected at the Cross Roads. Marblehead healthy & still full of children.

2. This day I dined at Mr. J. Osgood's, Overseer of the Iron Works at Waters' Bridge, Danvers. We had an agreeable party chiefly of the family connections & with some of our southern friends, visitors of the Season. Mr. Osgood, Son of Christopher, of Northfields, is in business with his Cousin at Baltimore. Mr Chadwick at Charlestown, S. C. We visited the works which we found in good order. The general statement as I make it is that in the mean of a few past years they work 18 Tons of Iron, now at 100 D. pr. Ton. They sell nails at 10 cents a pound. The expences of the establishment I know not.

3. We have lost two young men of public education lately. George, son of John Derby, Esqr., aet. 24. He was educated at Bowdoin. On account of his health he went a voyage to the East Indies & on 26 Aug. nearly home died at sea. His mother a Coffin, from Portland, Maine. Joseph, Son of William Orne, Esqr. was 22. He was married & left one Child. His father was a distinguished merchant & died Oct. 14, 1815. He bore the name of his Uncle, a celebrated Physician of Salem, of fine classic talents, wit & humour. He died 27 Jan. 1786. He died of Consumption, aet. 37. Mrs. Mary Mundy, aet. 76, wife of Capt. W. Mundy, lived in the south part of the town in Creek Court, & was an example of the primitive living of the generation going off in my youth. Nothing had changed their simplicity & neatness & the whole furniture of their house was such as they would have purchased before the revolution when the primitive manners obtained. I knew no such example of diligence, love of home, content, & invariable regard to the world as it once was without any concern what it had become. Susanna Harthorne

was known to me from my first coming to Salem in 1783 from the intercourse of the family with Wid. Mary Elkins, with whom I lived. The widow mother was then living. I have also a long acquaintance with her sister Needham, & Aunt Molly was known to us all for the excellent cake she provided for our families especially on our social occasions. Three Sisters still live & a Brother, Susanna, the youngest, æt. 70. Abigail, Widow of W. Harthorne, was the widow of a Brother William Harthorne not long since deceased. She was a Ward & Sister to my Deacon Benjamin Ward. She has a sister who married Edward Lang, late Schoolmaster in Salem & since Clerk in Essex Bank, æt. 70. Susanna H. was irreproachable & died single. Abigail left no children.

4. We paid every honour to Major General Brown, the Hero of the Northern Army. He came to Salem last evening. The Sec. of the Navy with the Gen. & his Aid & Judge Story rode to Marblehead in the Sec's carriage. Hon. N. Silsbee had his carriage & I had a seat with him. The Marblehead Infantry met us on the plain & the Artillery were at the foot of the rocks. We had a salute & escort to the town. At the Collector's, Mr. Wilson, we were received in the center of the town & there we found a company of citizens & a brilliant circle of ladies ready to receive us. After refreshment we were escorted to the Fort and nothing was wanting on the part of Col. Harris to make the visit happy. The general neatness, the habitual discipline, & the inviolable rules of the fort, gave pleasure, ease, & order in every thing. The salute from the artillery was handsome, from the fort in the best style. The Collation was proper & the entertainment very worthy of the occasion. The troops were reviewed & were in excellent order. We had before our eyes all the method of landing, spreading, filing & housing their Bank fish, till ready for the market. We reached Salem at three & dined at the Secretary of the Navy, in an elegant manner. With us the Gen's Lady & the Ladies of the Sec. & Hon. Silsbee. The Gen. & Aid & Judge Advocate Storrow, Judge Story, Col. Harris & Mr. Wallace of Marblehead, R. & W. Rogers, &c.

5. This day Essex Bank directors have another meeting. Every enquiry detects the most fraudulent practices. A deposit of doubloons by Foster of Marblehead, has been violated, false contracts made & fraud practiced not only in its most artful but most shameful forms. Yet not one word has appeared as yet but a notice that the Cashier, who has been long away, has been removed. Suspicions rise in every form & Salem lays under the worst imputations.

6. Sunday. Notes. Benjamin Kitteredge & wife, d. of his Mother at Brookfield, æt. 64. He has been in Salem several years in Andrew street. The name alone induces the belief of

his powers as a Surgeon. With the many a Doctor is a Doctor, Benj. is refused by the Graduates in Medicine, but if attentive to his practice he might extend it at pleasure. He from Brookfield. James Day & wife, d. of their D. Lovelock. This family from Cape Ann.

7. Yesterday died in this town Isaac Hacker, æt. 68, & for many years the Writing Master of the West School in Salem. He had suffered lately by some paralytic affection which obliged him to withdraw from his charge. He was the best Writing Master in Salem since I have known it. He was not so distinguished in his teaching of reading as of writing, but in this branch he very evidently excelled. He was in easy circumstances & has left Children & a Son in good reputation in business.

8. Began the Sale of Dabney's Circulating Library. As this was the first Circulating Library known to me in Salem. The Books were chiefly novels & few Books of science were in the Collection. The whole number of works in 57 pages is 2281, the whole reckoned between 6 & 7000. We advanced as far as 900 in the first day, but I could purchase but a few books of those sold while I was present, from any choice I had of them. The sales of the afternoon were better than of the morning, & it was a vendue day by being stormy. We have notice of another fraud. One Goodale having sold wines stored with him on account of Joseph Orne, lately deceased, & having sold them on his own account & having taken the pay & being unable to refund it, incurred a debt in the fraud.

10. Dr. Kitteredge's Mother was a Fletcher of Chelmsford, æt. 64. James Day was æt. 55, his mother a d. of Revd. Bradstreet of Squam, Gloucester, now living over 80 y. He a g. s. of Revd. B. Bradstreet, gr. Cambridge, 1725. Revd. B.'s Brother lived in Exeter, N. H. This day finished the sale of Dabney's Circulating Library & upon the whole it sold well. The really valuable books brought full prices. The principal purchases were the Messieurs Crowninshield. The Secretary bought Johnson's poets, & the larger Collections of periodical papers. John C. purchased several hundred dollars worth of the novels. Our Member Silsbee took Swift's works. The Gentlemen of the learned professions all took their share. I purchased few books, as many of the best I had, & the novels I did not wish. All the Stationary & furniture sold.

11. The Bank affair has no circumstance of mitigation. King who left the bank last offers 20 th. dollars to quit him & his accomplice. The property may amount to a tenth of the loss. The Father of my landlady Capt. Carlton, held a lot of land opposite to the road turning from Planter's marsh road to the shore of North river below the Clay pits, on which were houses formerly. The foundations of one of them was found by Capt. Osgood, the

present possessor who sold the northern part to a Mr. Gwinn. The lot was from Watson's or Pickering's field, now Parker's by inheritance, to the lot now held by Mr. Gwinn, who has a house & out buildings upon it opposite to his ropewalk. Capt. Jo. Osgood owns the rest & he has a House, barn, two stores & other buildings, besides a large orchard of fruit trees on the lot. It has at present 8 buildings besides a large wharf, & in the cove a breast work against the tide & the water of Shallop Cove.

15. We had a launch of an Elegant Ship at B. Hawkes yard bottom of Daniels street. She was built for Joseph Peabody, Merchant of Salem, & is reckoned 337 tons. She did not move instantly but when in motion descended gracefully & rose majestically. She left the building yard & was carried round to the wharf of the owner. There is a Brig building at the same yard & nearly completed. Becket has a Schooner to launch which is built for John Crowninshield to be employed in the New Orleans trade. Another Steam Boat in Salem much in the form of the former but her machinery more simple. I saw her from the Crowninshield wharf but did not enter. The director called in my absence to invite me to take a sail with him for this has a foremast & admits a sail.

17. The Eagle Steam boat that was with us on Tuesday left our port on the next morning with only two passengers. The former was so dead a loss to the adventurers that Salem will probably be the last in such another attempt. The certainty of reaching Boston in two hours at two thirds of the distance by water, gives every advantage to the Stage. We have 21 miles to the Town & then all the inconveniences of entering & leaving the boat when 13 miles may carry us to the bridge from the entrance of the Turnpike & we can be taken up & put down at the places we may chuse.

18. We have several arrivals from Asia, Europe & America. The rain gave us evidence how much the Charity house had been neglected in the Brick work. The rain penetrated in every part & in some places with destruction of the plastering. It was a job. The three houses now building on the Common are no jobs. The work is by the day & the Owners are present. We have never had such cellars since the first. All of them have brick partitions with foundations of stone. One has an arch under the front door to support a marble pavement. Forrester is now covering the roof. Andrews has begun his brick work upon the foundation & Silsbee is now finishing his cellar. The foundations of the Custom House are preparing. The Wharf at Roach's point, for the Work house, has the stone work nearly finished. They have opened a very excellent quarry of stone in the hill back of the Charity House. The Gun House, excluded from the Common, has a railing around it on the outside of the Common at the

north end of it & a walk way is provided on the west end of the Common outside of the railing. The paths have been very wet around the Common, formerly the Town Swamp.

21. Last evening the Secretary of State, John Quincy Adams, was in Salem. The visit had been asked by Mr. Silsbee, our member of Congress. In the morning I had notice of his arrival & he was at my door. After a friendly visit I went with him to the Museum & Athenaeum. He had been before around the town with Master Felt who married a relative. We had a superb dinner at Hon. N. S. Present, Judge Story, Sec. C., Custom Officers & Citizens. After dinner Mr. J. Q. A. withdrew. His wife not being in health remained at the Coffee House & did not receive visits. As we were upon the spot on which his Father's greatest enemy lived, we did [not] suffer anything to interfere with the greatest tranquillity & nothing was seen or heard publicly to interrupt the most honorable enjoyment in Salem.

24. Went in a Horse & Chaise with H[annah] C[rowninshield] for Andover to visit some female friends of Hodges family living at Ballard's, 19 miles from Salem. We found Easties removed from his great age, & a Capt. Batchelor at the public house, never well kept. They directed us by a road to the left of Andover Turnpike to Salem, which left hand road led to Andover Institution Building. We found it much repaired, but still little used & through a wood with few settlements, but undoubtedly the nighest. We passed in front of the Institution buildings. We found the situation at Ballard's romantic & the Shawsheen as delightful as I found it above & below formerly. Immediately upon our arrival we began our walk. We passed the bridge which was more delightful from the great height of the river & extended sheet of water, forming several small islands in the river among the meadows. We visited the mills & found two grist mills & two saw mills. The first mill was by hand, the last is moved by water. We passed eastward from the mills, found the cranberries plentiful, & at length reached the pond. South of the pond we found the Boston road & passed partly down it & then turned to the mills & reached home. At table we had roast fowles, the greatest luxury of N. England & Beef a la mode the richest dish we have borrowed which all know how to prepare. Our pastry & puddings excellent, & our fruit the best, pears, melons & apples. Soon after dinner we had an excellent dish of tea with bread of wheat, or rye, or rye & indian & all of the first quality as our Landlord is rich & has the best which our farms can produce. His wife has all the hospitality, domestic endearment & fondness to please we may expect from a wife without children, and a woman who takes into her family boarders not from necessity, but choice, but of the best only. She has two nieces with her & a hired girl, one neice her own & the other of her husband.

The farm, the mill & the forests have their labourers. The farm is chiefly for stock & so has excellent pastures but not much grain. We left our friends at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3, passed over Mr. Ballard's bridge & continued down the Boston road till we left it entering a new road on the left by Col. Harriden's tavern to the old mills in Wilmington on the Reading road to Salem. We passed Flint's old tavern to a new tavern house kept by Sawyer & were then 11 miles from Salem. We proceeded over the new causeway, which the Ipswich by overflowing its banks had made more agreeable. We soon passed Col. Flint's, whose name the road bears & found great repairs on this road till we reached the extreme point of Danvers, through North Reading & the old tavern kept by Upton & now by his g. son. We found at the edge of Danvers many labourers employed in straightening & repairing the road & we found much done on the road below since we visited it. Upon our return we found our Chaise filled with Apples, cakes & cream.

26. Last evening I received a Letter from my Nephew W. B. Fowle informing me of his happy marriage & agreeable settlement. His Father in Law supplies him a neat house & he promises himself happiness in his condition. The usual token of cake was received. He invites me to make a home at his house & to see for myself. I promise much from the prosperity of this young man in the future hours of life that remain.

27. Sunday. Notes. Mary Allen & children, d. of youngest child, husb. William at sea. Two children sick. Son in law Henry Allen in the marine hospital. Susanna Richardson, mother of Mary, wife of W. Allen, aet. 76, d. of g. child & son at sea. The Children of late Timothy & Sara Welman, d. of their Sister Eliza Shedlock, aet. 17. A brother at home sick & a brother abroad, who marr. a Silsbee. Elizabeth Hodges, w. of George, d. of youngest child, aet. 8 m. Husband at Sea. Mary Goss & her g. children, d. of her Son William Euben at sea, Ship Osmar, Hart, for India, & for her Son's wife Mary Cooke in a deranged state, & pr. for a son at sea. W. Euben left three children, sons, two with her Brother Capt. Joseph Cooke. Susan Patterson & children, d. of her twin Brother & pr. for Brothers at sea.

28. The library of one of the Bank Deserters was sold at Auction by T. Deland in Franklin place. Several other parcels of Books were added for sale & some of them bidden in in a very improper manner. The sale of the Books actually up, was as good as usual. I purchased several at prices which were not the lowest, but which contented me. It is seldom we have two such large collections in succession. They were not upon a large scale, but well provided with English Classics.

29. This was the first time that I ever advertised a Lecture. I had been led to expect Mr. H[olley]. He told me as much & made several of my friends believe it. He fell into other hands

& writes to S[alem] that he did not intend to preach for months. That he should only preach his farewell. His affections of the breast, &c., &c. So that after advertising, I am obliged to withdraw the notice & say that there was nothing in it. All this has followed my deviation from my first plan. I began with a Negro Lecture which I attended among the Baptists. I then had a fanatic of talent from N. O. The relish was not given. As a Counterpart I had the P. of C. And this led to ask for a P. in the West. And it has ended in this manner.

30. This day was launched the Brig Becket, belonging to J. Crowninshield. It was built by Retire Becket. The Vessel was built below the Owner's house, E. of Crowninshield's Wharf, or rather below the Hollingsworth Blue Anchor tavern, east of the old ferry way to Marblehead. Becket built a house upon the place of the tavern & it is enlarged & held by John Crowninshield.

October 1, 1818. This day the Danvers Light Infantry were upon our parade. They went through the manual exercise, firings & evolutions with uncommon agility. Not long since the Beverly artillery honoured us with their presence, & we are promised the Marblehead uniform companies at the review of next week. These visits have not been very common, as voluntary service. The uniformed companies are now more sure of their good appearance & discipline. It is still to be seen that little things escape them. Even the troops of the Garrison at Marblehead dressed poorly & stepped unequally & fired with their pieces at different elevation. The war has proved how much as Gen. Brown said we owe to moral rather than physical power. But let a man dance or sing or move, if he invite attention he should do it gracefully.

2. I dined at the Sec. of the Navy with Marshall Grouchy who is said to have occasioned the loss of the battle of Waterloo & of the fate of Napoleon. The Marshal was full of talk & pleasant. Said he was in business with Gen. Brown, made his home at Philadelphia, worshipped with M. Vaughn in the Unitarian Chapel, had visited our Lakes. Spoke of his acquaintance with the learned of France, whom we respect, & the time passed agreeably. Nothing said of French politics or European movements or of Lallemand's party in Texas. With us a Mr. Curtis of the Navy, Le Grand & a large company of citizens.

4. Sunday. Note. James White Stearns, her delivery. She an Emerson of Topsfield.

5. William B. Floyd who died in Salem last week over 81, was the last of three Brothers who came to Salem from Medford. He was a gunsmith. A Brother came to attend a distillery & another cultivated some ground in Southfields. They were short of stature. This venerable old man when he died lived in Sewall street, the new street between Lynde st. & Essex street. He had in his hands the parts of the gun found in the old ruins of the

Blacksmith Shop burnt in 1698, at the time he died. He had been in Salem above 40 years. He has left a Son, mate of the Ship Francis, & three daughters.

6. Our Regimental review under Major General Amos Hovey. The concourse was great. All the troops expected were upon the parade excepting the L. Infantry of Marblehead under Capt. Story, upon question of rank between them & Salem Cadets. The two companies of Horse, one of Salem & the other of Ipswich, were present. The Salem Horses looked better. The Horsemen are rivals in discipline. We had four companies of Artillery, two from Marblehead. The discipline was not distinguishing, but the men were effective & orderly. The three light Infantry Companies of Salem well deserve high praise. No corps appeared full, but the Regiment has not appeared for a long time with fewer men in the ranks. This is easy to be accounted for, from the many elections & resignations in which hardly any attention has been paid to military talents. Not a field officer was even in his rank on parade before & not a majority of the Commissioned officers. The unhappy state of King & Gray, who have been splendid in military service, has inflicted a wound on the public mind, that military appointments lead to dissipation. But the principal evil is that these honours are obtained by our common citizens, & they are not aware that every discouragement attends them in hopes of a change in favour of another & more wealthy, tho not better informed class of citizens. The Regiment had scarcely half its members & began with irregular firings, from which they could not be reclaimed in all the firings of the day. The military exhibition was therefore insufficient to challenge the highest praise. But the men were cheerful, playful, & not disposed to any excesses. The parade was not clear till after dark, an error in the arrangement, & too much firing was heard after the troops were dismissed. Two tents were fixed & in the western were refreshments to which particular invitations were given at the time of the review. No firings in the morning. The walks were allowed to the spectators & the whole ground reserved for the troops. Col. Sprague commanded, lately from Danvers, Lt. Col. Webb was a son of Capt. B. Webb son of Jonathan. Major Perry is from the Old Colony & has for years directed the music of our congregation.

8. I was in Boston to visit for the first time my nephew W. B. Fowle since his marriage. He has married a daughter of Ebenezer Moulton, named Marie Antoinette. The father a silversmith from Newbury Port. The mother is a grand daughter of the late Hon. Shearjashub Bourne & her mother was a d. of the celebrated Isaiah Doane of Barnstable County. The mother was at table with us & the d. a modest woman. While at Boston I visited Webster's Collection in Mineralogy with great pleasure.

I had never seen a collection since that at Cambridge from the French Convention. Mr. Webster has a course of Lectures & about 20 hearers. It is not easy to engage the public attention to this study so entirely unknown in our country. The collection will tend to convince the public that the study belongs to the friend of nature, when he has been taught the system, the variety, & the benefits of this science.

10. This day I dined with Col. B. Pickman, my former pupil, in a manner worthy of a palace & a Prince. His Lady & two daughters were at table, his son in law Rogers & his brother William & his wife's brother E. Hearsey Derby. His father was not present. Judge Story, N. Silsbee, our Member of Congress, Dr. Prince were with us & our richest Merchant Joseph Peabody. Of the law, Pickering, Saltonstall, & Merrill, Judge White, Judge of Probate, Dudley Pickman, Senator of Massachusetts & no Strangers. We have never seen in Salem richer tables than have been spread by B. Crowninshield, B. Pickman, & N. Silsbee, all in the general Government & active Merchants of Salem. Nothing can be said too highly of the attendance, display, & elegance at these tables, or of the richness of the courses, variety & bounty. The hilarity was uninterrupted on these occasions.

11. Sunday. James W. Stearns & Lydia his wife. Child christened in the meeting house. The members of the Church usually preserve this manner of public baptism. The members of the Congregation usually do not observe it.

13. Intended for Ipswich to the Launching but prevented by the weather. The attention I had shown to Dr. Matignon, provided for me new work. I received this day from Thomas Kenelly of Herbert Street, at whose house Dr. Matignon had officiated, the following note, which I keep as I know not what may be the issue. Revd. Sir, "The Bishop of Boston has sent the Catholics of Salem word, that the Revd. Mr. Larisey will be in this town to officiate on Sunday next. I wish to write him word this afternoon that I cannot accomodate him at my house as I have a sick person in it which would make it inconvenient. I therefore wish to ask the favour of you (as I understand that it is engaged by your Church) if we could have the Hall in Union Street, & whatever compensation is required it will be chearfully complied with by the Catholics of Salem. As I wish to let the Bishop know this afternoon, it would very much oblige me in answering." Signed, Thomas Kenelly. I instantly went to the Agent of the Building, J. Moriarty, Esqr., who promised to inform me from the proprietors. Of what I had done I gave notice to Mr. Kenelly & as soon as the agent told me the Catholics might have the apartment in the second story over the corner of Essex & Union streets, at any time between sunrise & sunset, I informed him & directed him for further enquiry to go to the Agent, offering any assistance in

my power. I had the following answer "Your very kind compliance in this instance has added another to the many obligations to you. I need not mention how grateful will be the feelings of all concerned & especially of the Clergymen coming to officiate." Signed, Thomas Kenelly.

15. Last night with Capt. John Allen, aet. 28. Last of the sons of Capt. E. Allen by his last wife Lockart. He, like the others, promised fair till middle age. At last in the hospital at Charlestown & removed to his Cousin in Law's, Norman street, on Friday last & expired this morning at 5 before sunrise. This day went to Ipswich to see the launch of a Ship of 350 tons. She was launched yesterday but only lost her ways. I saw her raised by scows under head & stern & by tow ropes on each side of the river & a row boat carried this tide down the river. The Oak timber came from Ipswich about a mile from the building yard. One farm supplied 140 stately trees. The hard pine, of which several timbers in her upper deck, were from the Merrimac at Goffstown, brought from Amoskeag falls. The Spruce trees from Maine. Mr. Turner, the builder, of the posterity of Turners' of the Old Colony, North River builders. Much said of the work as firm, neat, & worthy of a good artificer. While at Ipswich I visited Mr. Farley, & Son, Mr. Kendall the minister, & ascended the high hill above the Meeting House.

16. The Cambrian, a beautiful Brig belonging to Joseph Peabody, Esqr., was to be launched. But the experiment of making the ways weak, that her stem might settle, proved fatal to all the pleasure. As soon as she passed from her blocks she fell on her side & left her bilge ways under her, throwing out her cradle & so I left her. She is of 200 tons. At the last launch the Ship stopped, but I could not make the builder believe she settled, when the same thing happened at Becket's launch soon after. The ground is made & when the weight is taken from the blocks to the ways, the ways settle. I advised him not to wedge till the last. I saw with concern in what state the outer part of the ways were left & could not forget that a workman was diving there after the ways were overflowed & part were buoyant.

18. Sunday. Notes. Ruth Porter with her children, d. of her son & her Brother. Her son Thomas Porter, aet. 23, had lived in Salem & been with Cushing & Co. Printer & had been excentric. He went sometimes since to New Orleans in connection, in Hardware business, with Joshua Cushing. His habits were not much changed, but he was found suspended in his store by a cord, felodese. His friends say left by a fever deranged. The youth is gone from life. The brother Henry Allen, aet. 28, youngest son of Edw. Allen by a Lockhart, had been master of a Vessel & married a d. of W. Allen, & left a son & d. He became intemperate & finally was in the Marine Hospital from which he

came to his friends at Mr. Lowe's on the Friday before his death on Tuesday morning. I was with him. He was calm & resigned to his fate. A pleasant youth but his brothers all went the same way. The elder Brother by another mother is still absent from his family from necessity. Betsey Allen with her Sisters, d. of Brother Henry. Two Sisters B. & Sally by the last wife. Mrs. Porter & Orne by the first wife & a Wid of John & Alex. These are worthy women. May Allen, wife of W., mother in Law of H's wife, his death & her Husb. at sea. The two events are distressing to all the sympathies of life & associated with others as painful.

The Fanaticism of Marblehead has been attended with one awful event, the murder of a Mrs. Philips by her husband, said from jealousies of her designs in going to Night Meetings. It is not agreed whether from his violent passions or a real insanity. He intended to destroy his own life but did not succeed & still lives. We put it down to fanaticism. Several fasts have been held in Salem by the exorcists & we are to have in the next month some ordinations of missionaries in the Tabernacle. The notices have been given on the occasion & for the first time at an ordination, excepting from an English Establishment Bishop, is the Communion to be administered in Common. These changes are mere copies from the old book of Superstitions & imposed as new upon those who have never read anything. In Ipswich, the public worship is not attended with the former zeal as I was told. The Baptists have small hold, but are in two sects. One worships at the factory & the other in a small building on the other side of the bridge. Mr. Parish of Byfield is much more tame since the last revolution, but cannot recall his invectives.

19. The news was confirmed of the death of Dr. Thomas Kitteridge of Andover, aet. 72. Dr. Thomas was the first of a public Education & he had all the success which confirmed the prepossessions in favour of the family. The jealousy of the Order, which till lately was not distinguished by science, had suffered in silence the reputation of Dr. K. to be questioned, but not openly disputed till some of our more learned men of the profession dared to dispute it from one case in which Dr. T. K. had operated without the usual precautions. But so many had he cured of wounds, so many had recovered after his operations, so many had recovered from insanity, and so many cures had he effected, that in difficult cases he was consulted with the utmost confidence. As a man he had great suavity of manners. In his style of living he was elegant, hospitable & generous. In his party, a republican, sincere, of pure morals & inflexible pursuit. He was without reproach in domestic social & civil life, & in religion the constant friend of Christianity without superstition or arrogance. He had all our civil honours, all our personal respect & by all was esteemed useful. He had a good share of information & was as good as any of our practitioners,

till the medical institutions of our country gave a form to medical education which before was called living with some doctor. He is a great loss to us.

21. Died, Elizabeth Carlton, aet. 19. She was educated in the family of Capt. Joseph White. Her mother, Betsey Cook, as an orphan was left with her Aunt White who was a Stone. The mother married W. Carlton & died at Capt. White's. This is the only child. They were fond of her & she dutiful to them. She was cheerful, playful, & sprightly when a child & afterwards was open, sensible, & well informed & engaged to Franklin, a young brother of Judge Joseph Story. The hopes of life were strong till the last. She was a young woman that needed no recommendation, her heart & head together.

22. This day Holten Dale, aet. 35, who has for years been employed to drive the stage between Boston & Salem by Manning, & who was for a time in the Company, put an end to his life by hanging himself in a necessary in Pickman street. He was cheerful in the evening & gave no suspicion of such a design. Went to bed, rose early and was discovered hanging after sunrise. He had a candle & hat with him. Took the garden Coathes line. He had been intemperate and addicted to gambling & was excessively in debt. How far the state of the Stage line business had contributed to his fate is yet to be discovered. He was buried the same evening and his funeral well attended, as he was a skillful driver & a most obliging man in the business.

23. Was the funeral of E. Carlton. We had Miss Hilliard with us & a Mr. Davis who boards at Judge Winthrop's, is from New Orleans & at the University, Cambridge. The funeral was well attended & the body lodged in the White New Tomb lately built.

25. Sunday. Notice of the death of Miss Elizabeth Carlton, aet. 19. Notes. G. Hodges & wife, d. of her Brother Capt. Joseph Phippen, lost at Sea. He married a Fairfield. Capt. H. married Hanna Phippen, daughter of Joshua. His first wife was Lydia Gale. William Babbidge & wife, d. of their youngest child. She a Bateman & g. d. of Capt. John Batten. He a son of Christopher, son of Ch. & son Ch. Babbidge who gave the land for the East Meeting House & lived opposite. His g. m. kept School & died aet. 90. He sick at this time & very weak & low. Mary Bateman, d. of her g. child & for friends absent. Michael Bateman the husband. She keeps the town School for small children & a worthy woman. She had a son a Tanner & living in upper Rowley.

Last week was installed in this town Joshua Flagg, in the Universalist meeting House. The ministers of Boston, Charlestown, & Gloucester assisted Turner, Ballou & Jones. He once studied with S. Worcester, D. D. of this town & at Andover Theol. Institution. He is the third minister since their establishment in Salem. The impertinence of the Sects is extreme. A woman, wife

of a Deacon at the Tabernacle, not content to thrust one of her prayer meetings under my window, sent me a letter informing me that the good ministers, names not given, believed not half of the population attended meetings on Sundays & asking me to give her & them through her a list of such sad delinquents, white & black, to see whether the number would admit a Missionary or what measures might be adopted to visit & reclaim them. Notice is given that there will be a grand display of Missionary Appointments on Wednesday next at the Tabernacle. Professor Stuart is to exhibit on the occasion. It is mentioned as part of the Plan to appoint S. Worcester, operator General in this work in connection with the Andover Institution. The same evening is mentioned for an Oratorio in the Old Church, & for the Annual dinner of the East India Marine Society. It will be a busy day with us. The zealous have hired Faben's Room for Negro amusements in South Salem, above High street, for a place of worship. It was at first intended for the blacks but it has been crowded with whites, who differ in complexion. The people at large are not so well satisfied with the Sunday schools & devout assemblies as they become better acquainted with the conduct in them.

26. Yesterday a black man named Johnson, put lately into the poor house for intemperance, dissoluteness & felony, fell from the third story into the back yard & died instantly. He laboured all day on Saturday. At night he was busy singing hymns & disturbed the house & was at last quieted. Towards morning he rose & opened the window & let himself down. By his feet he destroyed the upper sash of the window below him & then fell. Jury, Accidental death. Upon examination was no appearance of a design to destroy life.

30. We have had notice of the death of Abigail, wife of the late President John Adams, who is still living at his home in Quincy. She was the daughter of Revd. William Smith of Weymouth. When the controversy with Hamilton and Mr. Adams was published, the mean artifice was employed to interrupt domestic life by representing the President as under the sovereignty of his wife, & Pickering when dismissed was not unwilling to repeat the same calumny. The first time I ever saw Madam was at her own house shelling her beans for a family dinner to which without any ceremony or apology she invited me but from engagements I did not accept. I saw her repeatedly at her own house without any impression unfavourable to her person or manners. I found a freedom in conversation which took its familiar topics. When at my own house in Salem she left the kind opinion of a respect for herself adapted to make her courtesy & conversation more valuable & agreeable. She was in appearance of middle size, in the dress of the matrons who were in New England in my youth. The black bonnet, the short cloak, the gown open before, & quilted petticoat,

& the high heeled shoe, as worn universally in that day. Everything the best but nothing different from our wealthy & modest citizens. She was possessed of the history of our country & of the great occurrences in it. She had a distinct view of our public men & measures & had her own opinions which she was free to disclose but not eager to defend in public circles. She had the vigour of a firm constitution & seemed designed for great old age. Her children are of disproportioned genius, but the Sec. of State would be an honour to any family. Mr. Adams always appeared in full confidence, but that of an equal & friend who had lived himself into one with the wife of his bosom.

November 1, 1818. Sunday. Notes. Samuel Leach & wife & child, d. of youngest daughter, aet. 10. Eldest d. Lydia sick. Wid. Mary Becket, aet. 90, d. of Grand child. So fine a day that the front windows of the Meeting House Gallery were open all day.

2. Our day of Election of Member for Congress. The Opp. papers declared no intention to oppose the dem. Candidate. No name was published but on Saturday & Sunday night they were up all night circulating printed hand bills without success. Mr. Silsbee got the votes & old Tim was again in the back ground. We can blame no men for the exercise of their privileges. But when they publicly caress a Candidate, affirm their friendship, & use the humblest arts to betray, we have a right to blame.

3. Dined at Hon. N. Silsbee's with Judge Clay & some other citizens. Hon H[enry] Clay is a man of full stature, not thin habit, dark complexion, full & clear voice, simplicity, but ease of manners, appears at home, never hurried, thoughts not cluttered, not interrupting, easily pausing if interrupted. Decision on every thing, but not dogmatism, hearing objections as if his own, & answering them as if he wished them removed. Not yielding to entreaty, but doing as he has purposed, so as to persuade us that he ought to do as he has chosen. He was to return to Boston & so left us at sundown. He called upon me in my absence. He has a son at Cambridge & appeared pleased with his reception. He maintained the dignity of his opinions & opposition was silent from respect of him. He is Speaker of the H. of Rep. at Washington, & member from Kentucky. In the evening we had our Oratorio from the Handel Society in the Old Church. The first public exhibition at the Universalists, then at the Baptist, the third in this place. They had the best organ but not the best house. The Chorus has forte, non plene. The suaviter in re is better with fewer voices as they sing oftener alone than together. The thunder of the Organ was real. The V. P. from Boston sang repeatedly Luther's Hymn well. The recitative was more unequal. The Instruments were together & exquisite. The two Sisters retained their reputation & the females made no errors in singing. The performers on the organ did it justice. We may pronounce the whole a progress from which we may promise much if they sing more together.

5. Yesterday we had the annual dinner of the East India Marine Society. It began in 1799. The Circumnavigation of Africa is the condition of admittance. It keeps up a Correspondence of its members, has a valuable deposit, & elements of a Library. Hon. B. Pickman is president & Speaker Bigelow was present. The dinner was good, the music & songs good & the toasts appropriate, but we were not allowed a copy for publication. The dinner was in the Hall of the company opposite the Salem Hotel & was prepared by Mr. Stetson the Keeper. Everything was worthy of the Day. Three invitations for yesterday. I had no reason to prefer the Court or Missions & therefore can say little.

6. A Bill by the Grand Jury has been found against the Cashier & first Clerk of Essex Bank for a Conspiracy to defraud the Bank & for violation of Trust & the depredations made on the deposits & Bank interest. The public mind has been awfully alarmed at the dishonourable silence on this occasion. No public notice has been given of the fraud. The new appointments were made in the most doubtful terms & implying the least censure. The writs to apprehend were entrusted secretly & no reward to apprehend published. Negotiations went on secretly with the absent officers & terms were given & accepted. These facts go a great way towards rendering doubtful the true history of this transaction. The Widow of Edw. Pulling, Esq. was buried this day, an undoubted victim to her feelings upon the loss of her property in the Essex Bank. Most of the Stock holders are Widows & orphans. Before the Court has been the Will of G[eorge] C[rowninshield] to one of his Mistresses. The handwriting was questioned. This young woman was kept at Malden & the business was done at that place. The affair of Sewall, the Grave hunter at Chebacco, has his hearing in this term. The graves were robbed without decency & bodies dragged from their deposits by ropes. It was supposed it was a matter of traffic as may be seen at the report of the day.

8. Sunday. All the emigrants in our Revolution have held a long time the place among the oldest men in our Catalogue of the University of Cambridge. The oldest man now in Cambridge Catalogue is Col. Frye who left Salem for England in 1775 while the American Revolution was depending. He belongs to the County of Essex & married a daughter of the first Col. Pickman, whose widow Love was living when I came to Salem in 1783, the year of the peace. Lady Knight says, My Father remembers Mr. Brown of Beverly. I never leave my Father for a night. At Camberwell. Mrs. Routh, Mrs. Eppes with Mr. Lane's family dined with me a few days ago. Letter dated Aug. 1, to Mrs. Howe. Capt. & Mrs. Tracey dined with me lately. Signed L. Knight, Camberwell, Feb. 22. For more than ten years I have given up all my time and attentions to my Father. For the last six years he has lived altogether with me & I have slept only three nights out of the



COL. PETER FRYE.

1723-1820.

From a pastel portrait in possession of the Essex Institute.

house on his account. For tho he is not ill he requires great attendance. He was very bad indeed a few months ago, but is much better. His great age keeps me always in fear. He is on 31 Jan. aet. 95. I hear you see my uncle Ben. (Col. Benjamin Pickman, senior, & Brother of the wife of Col. Frye, now living in Salem nearly 80 & grad. at Cambridge, 1759). As these letters are domestic I have reserved only what I was permitted to copy & these notices are to preserve what we can of Colonel Frye. I knew more of Col. Frye from Capt. B Ward, my Treasurer & Deacon, whose Mother was a Sister of Col. Pickman & with his mother I was well acquainted. I knew her while her son was my pupil at Cambridge and while her husband was in England & while Madam, the mother of Col. Frye's wife lived in the family. Col. P. has besides his son B[enjamin] a younger son W[illiam] living in Boston. He has a d. at Andover married to T. Osgood, Esqr. He lately buried a Son Thomas, a Physician. The Col. is now feeble, but he was one of the most accomplished Gentlemen of his time.

This day sailed the Brig Cambrian, Haraden, Master, belonging to Joseph Peabody. On his passage to Havanna sailed in her Revd. Mr. Abbot who succeeded Dr. Barnard in the North Church in this Town. He has been long and seriously indisposed & his pulpit has been supplied by others. This is the last experiment. His namesake of Beverly sailed for Charlestown not long since as noticed. His indisposition was unknown till this leave of absence. He was once settled at Haverhill which he left for Beverly. It is not known what his health may require. In this town we had the ordination by the Missionaries on Wednesday as announced. I just entered the house, but was too late for a seat, upon an invitation from Dr. W. & the Council to dine, but having avoided the court & having agreed to dine with E. Ind. Marine, I had my duty before me. Pr. Stuart of Andover Institute preached in the morning & Dr. W. gave an address in the afternoon. I have never heard what were the discourses or the contribution. The number of females I observed to be very great. Of men comparatively few.

9. In looking over my bills of Mortality last month I find the whole number of deaths 1190. The present object is to see what number were drowned or lost at sea or abroad. Drowned at home, 13; abroad, 18. Lost at sea 23.

10. We learn that Sewall of Chebacco has plead guilty of violating the Graves in that place. It was believed that the grave of a Suicide had been violated in Salem, but to relieve the public mind search was made & the body found, where left. This fact discovers into what agitation the indiscretion of this man has thrown the public mind & how much less able physicians will be to avail themselves of the opportunities which particular cases in their practice might have offered.

12. Sewall the grave searcher has been pursued with great in-

dignation. The Court has delayed the trial till April term, which will give him an opportunity to abscond, but at Ipswich not to be more patiently heard. It is probable he will withdraw. The truth seems to be that the practice had become so common of opening graves that the common cautions were neglected or forgotten. Sewall took a row of graves without missing one & left appearance on the surface which obliged suspicion. To the study of Anatomy in our Colleges, the frequent use of dissection, & the reputation of the study abroad must be imputed both the suspicion & the practice.

14. Mr. Enoch Silsbee passed to Newbury this week to engage two Ships between 300 & 400 tons each. One of them for W. Gray formerly of this town. In Marblehead they have a ready discharge of all their fish. Such as goes to the western or Albany market requires little care upon the flakes not being prepared as for the foreign market. This western trade increases & promises to be very productive. The Coffee in the Dutch settlements at Java has been sold with great advantage to our India trade, so that some of our Vessels have returned with great markets. We were never in greater motion than at the present in fitting Vessels for foreign markets. We have had several vessels fitted for the trade with New Orleans. A man named Knap drowned at Union Wharf last night.

15. Sunday. Our fathers mistook the power of Music for the work of the Devil, when if they had taught the Indians music & made violent agitation accompanying shouts, clapping of hands as in David's time, they might have done more to gain the Indians than by all their practices. It is now proposed to employ music among them. Never was a greater mistake as their own Psalms of David even in their own version might have told them. From Marblehead we learn that the murder has made some more cautious. The old Church have been seduced to have a prayer house, & even tempted to some frauds in the thing, which were seasonably explained & prevented. We are in hopes that winter will not be so evil as we expected. The fishermen have made small fares & that is in favour of superstition among them. My friend Rhodes' d. at Lynn has married Phippen, a Baptist minister who has been at Lynn, Little Cambridge & elsewhere. This girl & Miss K. were once with us. Such strange things are our little girls in their extremes & excentricities. One of my friends Capt. Gregoreson bought a house in Cambridge Street. At the purchase he was told where he could get a pew very readily. So we adventure. This day as fine as a Summer's Day. Winter has not yet the face of horror.

16. We learn from New York that the same vile game has been played in the U. S. Branch Bank in that quarter which has been played in Essex Bank, Salem, tho not with the same success. The Branch know their losses. Essex does not even now. We are all ready to confess the utility of Banks, but the licentiousness prac-

tised in them is more than suspected. A like game had begun in another bank in Salem. It was stopped & the Cashier provided for by a recommendation to the Government. Another victim is announced of the Essex Bank. Another widow robbed of her property has gone to her grave. How many more will go the same way is unknown. Rebecca Cabot, aet. 70, wid. of Joseph Cabot, formerly an Orne, sister of Wid. of Dr. J. Clarke, is the second victim.

17. Saw Mr. Clough from Salisbury branch who came young to Salem & married a Gray, a Ward & then a wife from Topsfield. He served in Salem with Woodbridge as a Leather dresser & now lives at the entry of the Salem Turnpike in Salem. Two of the family lived in my neighbourhood in Boston & one came with the windmill from Boston to Salem. W. Ward, his son in law, patronised by W. Gray, has settled in Medford & does business in Boston. The new School house on Pickering's Hill is up as to the brick work. The three houses on the Common are roofed, one slated, one shingled & the other ready for slates. The first Welsh slates were of uncommon size. No wooden house now building. Commerce active & voyages good.

19. The Supreme Court in town. Phillips brought to Goal in town for the murder of his wife. Said insane & such are all offenders among their relations. Curious tales. At a suit of the Steam Boat Company, James Dalrymple, of Irish descent, threatened the Lawyer in open court while defending a suit against him for delinquency of payment. J. D. was bound for his good behaviour after having been in the charge of the Sheriff. This proved a most wretched speculation & perhaps a total loss. Our young friend Mr. Andrew Dunlap was admitted to the Supreme Court. Sewall's matter of the Graves has passed out of all conversation, since his Case put off. We are told the Court has adjourned till after Thanksgiving.

20. Hon. B. W. C[rowninshield] called upon me to go to the apartments of a painter named Frothingham, from Charlestown. There we saw Gen. Dearborn, Stuart's & his own & several citizens of Salem, & one of Bowditch. My miniature was by Haslitt, now celebrated in London. The dress was changed by Versatille from Conn. It was known when taken at my ordination. Several profiles cut in paper were thought good, the last said best.

22. Sunday. Note. Daniel Blanchard & children, d. of his wife, Emma Saunders of Harvard, aet. 30.

23. I went to Mr. Frothingham's at the Central buildings, as by agreement with the late Sec. of Navy on the 20th & by direction of the Painter & had my first sitting. Here I found the late Sec. Pickering & others, and Mr. Frothingham came to spend the evening with me. I find Mr. Abbot of the North C. has been taken & that Mr. Carlisle of St. Peter's has had his first sitting. I took F. Higginson's portrait for his son John's till Cotton Mather

on his death says, as I found, that John's was never taken. That of Peter's I have from his works. It is doubtful whether Williams was ever taken, so that all is conjecture. I hear of none till Curwin of which I hold a copy. Brockwell of St. Peter's I have in a Mezzo taken at Boston. Prince has one of himself & so had Barnard. I know of no other of Salem.

24. My conversings with Perkins, our Well digger, formerly in better Circumstances, I find at Orne's point a bed of clay near the surface, the same at Potter's field above Planter's marsh & Skerry's point going on the tongue of land to Beverly & then at the part of Salem neck opposite, near the entrance. All these places have been brick kilns in my day. I then find clay near the surface near Clay brook & at the spot in Holmes' neck between the waters of Forest river & Clay brook which empties into South river at the South mills. At Skerry's in one place a well supplied water near the surface, & near it not under 40 feet by boring. In many places he has found moving sand below the alluvial surface but hard gravel towards the highlands at Pickering hill north of South River. He has frequently found shells, but not often wood. He once found a considerable branch of a Tree at a considerable depth. Capt. Waters informs of a large branch of a tree found at the point of flats off Foote's point, which proved to be Walnut. This point has disappeared since the settlement of Salem.

26. Mr. Upton at the Charity house says while on Pickman Farm, South fields, he had occasion frequently to canal in the Marshes, swamps & meadows & that he frequently found logs of considerable size at the depth of two or three feet & as far down as he usually dug. That these remains were in abundance. So that the case of the flats by Capt. Waters was not an unusual one upon any account. These woods have been pine, oak & walnut such as its present soil produces.

December 1, 1818. Dined with a large company of citizens at R. Stone's. The subject, as we might expect among Merchants, what Congress will probably do with the great questions of Banks, Bankruptcy, & Commerce. We feel all the jealousies between Commercial & Agricultural interests but the questions are rather unsettled so that parties are not exactly formed.

3. The Annual Thanksgiving. I have seen no ice in town, but the children found enough on Winter Island for skating. It is a shallow pond unsheltered from the north & eastern winds. The Contribution at the house as large as usual. After dinner at my own house I went before Sundown & married a couple at Fort Pickering. A Soldier on his Station. I declined a marriage in the south part of the town but in the evening married a couple in Church street & spent the evening. The private bounty to the poor was great on the occasion. All who did apply were supplied abundantly. Forrester's legacy gave a good dinner at the poor house &

the best geese I ever saw. Capt. Peabody gave a cask of raisins of good quality. The poor who applied were decent in their cloathing & manners & nothing reproachful was to be seen in the streets during the day.

5. Plum Island has farms on the southern end in the town of Ipswich & 21 Nov. died Bemsley Perkins, aet. 81, who was born, lived & died on the Island. Most is a barren sand. At Nahant died Mary, wife of Joseph Johnson, aet. 39. Father Breed used to boast that in his time no person had died but in full age upon this delightful spot. When the Grand d. died young then the son lamented the disappointment & has since deserted it.

6. Sunday. High wind & rain and a thin Assembly. Suffering on our Coast if near. Mr. Silsbee, our Member of Congress, in his Letter of the 30 Nov. says, the President has made particular enquiries as to your health & has desired me if I should have occasion to write to you to repeat that he should be glad to see you at the seat of government & would accomodate you with a room during your stay, &c. Must I pretend to be sick & go? Jehudi Ashmun from New York, now in Maine, has been with me about the Theological Institution at Hampden, Penobscot. He has consulted Mason of New Y. & the worthies. I proposed a Meeting of all the Ministers of the Town. The plan will not succeed in Salem. We are tired out with the vociferations, importunity & impudence of these applications.

11. Last evening I spent with a circle of friends at the Wid. of Pickering Collins, near Gardner's or Forrest river mills. Her father Morgan built the house about 50 years ago. The house on the hill was the Gardner house or Mill house & is still owned by the heirs of Farmer Brown who purchased it & lived at a great age in it. The mills have been repeatedly sold & the miller lives on the Marblehead side of the river on the hill. The road here has been within a few years carried over the hill not as at first round it. The Morgan lot is about 15 acres as is the Gardner lot. The wish to enlarge their farms has induced E. H. Derby on the Brown farm & Col. Pickman on his Father's farm to possess themselves of as much land as they can get in South fields & on the Great pasture near to them. I learn Breed is building a New House at Nahant this season upon the old site.

12. We have notice of another failure. James Stearns, who was put under my care as rather slow & slender, went into business with an unsparing hand. He took a large distillery in Boston street, a large grocery store & a great variety of business. He worked hard, had his many labourers, & by the resources of two fathers, his wife's, B[illey] E[merson] of Topsfield, & W[illiam] S[tearns] his own father in Salem, or by their names, went rapidly into debt. Whether from his own head or by intrigue, he contracted many debts & then stopped payment. He has left the imputation of much guilt & of much folly. He is done forever.

13. Sunday. The Ordination at Beverly was encouraged by the neighbouring Clergy not in the Andover interest & the majority was a small one. The Candidate Perley had been settled at Methuen in the northern limits of the County & tho some causes of blame had been pretended, it was not presumed that he could not have retained his place had he possessed the talents of a public teacher or the energies which could create personal favour. Tho the day before the public Thanksgiving was chosen, it was with difficulty the Council proceeded. The strength was that of the internal Anti Andover interest. Mr. Loring of Andover was in the north of that town opposed to the prevailing interest of the South & made the first prayer. Mr. Eaton of Boxford, best known for his pulpit talents, gave the sermon. Forgetting that the Consecrating act was the prayer it was given to Thurston of Manchester an installed man of some popularity & voice, while the venerable Wadsworth gave the charge as one of the nearest neighbours. Bramin of Rowley may be ranked with Thurston, & Briggs of Boxford as not having any other than the old fashioned Calvinism. Upon the whole it was the Cambridge against the Andover interest, but it shews how little dependance can be put in the pagani contra urbes. It is however not an unmeaning event to those who know Essex.

15. Another failure of Seacom & Williams. The first is one of our Overseers of the Poor & is a member of the board of Prov[i-dence] College & of the Baptist sect, & to a pleasant countenance has united a general opinion of talents & probity. He has established upon a larger scale than any mechanic in Salem, Alum & Vitriol works & has long kept the largest store for Drugs & Medicine. Stearns who failed last week had a most extensive brewery & at first discharged excellent beer, but he had not the mind necessary to any hopes of perseverance & success. Williams, the partner of Seccomb, some time since discovered a fanatical & visionary turn of mind so far as religious meetings & leading ignorant devotees could express it, for he has a wonderful dullness about him. But having learned enough as he thought from his little companies he went into the pulpit & is settled in Beverly so as to make a collection of his sect from the surrounding towns & parishes. In this group of adventurers these failures have happened.

16. We are not to attribute the failure of Seccomb & Co. to their expensive establishment of Allum & vitriol works, but to the indiscretion of their other plans. They engaged early in the Merrino Scheme with one Thomas, who left Salem for Windsor, having come hither from Newburyport & elsewhere. The whole stock was lost. Jenks & others suffered in this scheme. He engaged in the Mineral Spring concern & built in that company a large House, which has been entirely unproductive in all the ways in which the Lynn Spring Hotel could be employed. He then engaged in the Steam Boat scheme which was found totally useless at this port &

issued in the final loss of the boat & in the most expensive & yet unsettled contracts. Why not fail?

17. Another failure of Kimball & Cogswell, English Goods Traders not belonging to Salem. K. is brother to the wife of King who violated the bank, & to the wife of John Babbidge who removed to Boston as a factor & has failed there. They are connected with Mosely who was lately partner with Babbidge, & has withdrawn for forgery. B. & M. are of Salem, tho living & trading in Boston. The whole may be considered as associates in Mal practices.

A singular article of domestic history occurs at the same time, among the numerous descendants of the Harthorne family. Two Brothers married Tousels. From one descended the present Colonel. From the other, several daughters & a Son living in my time. Ruth married a Bott & Nancy a Savage. Mary, Sarah & Susanna were noted pedlars & in their pedestrian tours accumulated some interest. In their humble walks they formed some ill habits but all lived to considerable age. As they have successively gone from life they have left serious quarrels about their property. The last Mary made a will but it was not found & her Brother took the mansion house & made one Alb. Gray his heir. Lately upon selling the house in a neglected part of the furniture in a private drawer was found the will. Notice was given. The will was in favour of Nancy. Suffice it to say there was much talk on the subject, but the night ended the dispute. The house was entered, the will was seized, & has since for a second time disappeared. A more extraordinary set of folks seldom are grouped together.

18. Was the fourth time with Mr. Frothingham the painter. As this is the first time the completion is given it is spoken favourably of by my friends. In the failure of Kimball, a Mr. Newell was involved, to whom opinion is most favourable. We have some hints about the three who have absconded. King, Gray & Mosely. The last has been threatened by pursuit from his Br. in law Page, whom he has ruined. Stearns has been threatened with a Grand Jury & imprisonment. These are not Debts, but atrocities. It is said Seccomb's property is worth 83 th[ousand] dollars, not many th[ousands] short of the demand upon him. Trumbull's painting is at Boston but it is much like his small tale of Bunker Hill. It is not true to history say our patriots. It has too much Connecticut foreground.

20. Sunday. Notes. Walter Jeffery & children, d. of his wife Susanna Smith, pr. for a son at sea. Susanna Richardson, d. of her d. in Law Jeffery, pr. for a g. son at sea. She is four score & held the Hardy house down Hardy street on the bank. Was of that family. Married a Jeffery, then a Hunt, & then a Richardson & has children by the two first husbands. The mansion is among the oldest of our houses. Fr. Pope who died nearly 100 y. of age was born not far from it in the Pope house now standing & it was Hardy's at his birth about 130 y. ago.

21. Died Ursula, wid. of Joshua Phippen. She was a d. of John Knapp whose estate lay in Becket street & sister to the father, Samuel, of Capt. Joseph Knapp who now holds the estate of Capt. John Hodges in Essex bet. Orange & Curtis st. His father was a rem[arkable] pedestrian & could go without fatigue from Salem to Boston & return. He made the buckets I hold for fire. Was a good workman. Ursula married a Symonds & was his wid. when she married Joshua Phippen. Joshua P's d. married as 2d wife to G. Hodges. Ursula was 70 & died in North fields, upon a possession she held from her first husb. by whom she had two d's who survive her. One has married a Webster & the other is single. She was interred in the old ground. In the Knapp family were 3 sons & 3 daughters. John, Isaac & Samuel. The 3 daughters married Hull, Gardner, & Symonds as Madam Peele informed me at 80 y. of age who lived & was born in & near Becket street. Part of the family is at Newbury Port.

22. This day died a son of John Appleton, named after his G. F., minister of Cambridge. The Mr. Newell who has failed in Salem was not connected with K. & Cogswell but was largely engaged upon the paper of Seccomb & W. We hear nothing of the final adjustments. Reports from friends widely differ as to the results from those given by the Creditors. The swindling practices of Stearns are loudly reprobated by all our Citizens every where. Gen. Brickett who died in Essex County lately, aet. 81, was in 1758 a Surgeon's mate at St. John's & served through that Campaign. He settled & married at Newbury. In the revolution he was Lt. Col. under Col. Frye of Andover in a Reg. of Minute men, 1775. He was at Ticonderoga as Brig. Gen. & afterwards at Saratoga at the capture of Burgoyne & commanded the guard which brought the captured army to Cambridge. He was Major Gen. of Militia till 1808. Was buried at Haverhill, Dec. 12, 1818.

24. The Widow Marshal, says Capt. Jo. Buffington, was Margaret Webb & marr. John Cooke, fisherman, & afterwards a person called Dr. Marshall of Newbury Port. After his death she returned to her Cooke estate in Bickford st. & died aet. 82.

18. We have to add to the list of Salem Bankrupts, Robert Cloutman. His father Benj. C. lived within Neck Gates & died when his Ch. were young, 1797, leaving 8 children. His wife a Frye, aet. 48. This Robert was a servant to Col. B. Pickman, the son, & by him was encouraged in a Hardware Store. He was not content. Left his Salem store & went for Boston. Bought out a new partner & when payment was required stopt. We had the care of their poverty but as soon as he had better prospects he passed by us without any recollections. We are happy that he did not die in our hands.

25. Very much has been done for this day & in Boston they published that 10 houses of worship would be opened. In the Sa-

lem Gazette a lengthy Declamation was given to excite the public feelings but no regular Cong. Church violated the rules of the Communion. The Ep. Eng. Church was overloaded with boughs as a state religion & Mr. Quady collected a small group of Catholics but without a crowd, tho it was the first time a public mass had been said in Salem on the day. The Universalists, as they have done from the rise of that Sect, had a service, but no man on the streets, the markets, or stores would have thought we had deviated from our old customs. In truth we are not for established religion yet. Nothing produced in my mind any excitement to be a spectator or hearer on the day.

26. Catharine S. P., wife of Elisha Mack, Esq., who died yesterday is the last of Mr. Orne's children by a daughter of Mr. Pyncheon, an accomplished gentleman & Councillor at Law from whom I experienced the greatest attentions & his son was under my care at Cambridge. This young Lady was of a delicate constitution & of a mind of the finest texture.

27. Sunday. Note. George Hodges & wife, d. of her Mother in Law Ursula Phippen.

28. Our Essex Lodge had again a public Installation & an address from Brother Carlisle. Brother Thomas Cole, a Private Schoolmaster for young females, again in the Chair. The other officers good Citizens. The Hall was well illuminated & a brilliant company of young Ladies adorned it. Dr. Nichols of Danvers was Deputy Grand Master. I saw a few of our old friends in it, perhaps four & Br. Eveleth, Treasurer, was the only officer with whom I had ever been associated. We were at our homes at nine. Last Saturday twelve feet of the Cornice of the New Market house fell with about two loads of brick. It happened about one o'clock when the people were at their homes. This must be attributed to the workmen. A little thaw had taken out the frost. This occurrence has been so often repeated that its cause cannot be unknown. At the building fronting Newbury st. it happened soon after the building was finished & in the neighbouring building called Franklin place, it happened before the workmen left it. And at the Store near Crowninshield wharf it dropped soon after the store was occupied. The Cornices of many other buildings have suffered & some been repaired. Mr. Forrester would not hazard brick in such hands. Such evils require legal interference.

A curious incident happened. One of the drunken sailors from Ipswich was lost, it was said in the Brig Britannia on Manchester shore, as actually dead. It is said that he was seen on the jib boom from the light house. However he was left & not seen afterwards till three weeks, when last Saturday he was found under all the casks upon the keelson of the Vessel. He sunk among the buoyant casks & the body was uninjured. They were so sure he was seen that at the Light House they hoisted a flag half mast for the pilot

& it was seen at Salem. The Vessel for a sealing, &c. voyage for oil was filled with casks & brought to our wharves. The vessel left Salem before the accident with a drunken crew.

29. This day I saw demolished the old House, of which the eastern end was built by John Massey the first born of Salem. This house was built in 1661 & Massey, as Mr. Symonds his neighbour said, lived in it till he died. He married in 1658 & was 66 years of age in 1697 & died in 1709. Mr. Miles Ward, a grandson, was at the funeral & died in 1796 above 90 years of age & John Symonds who died in 1791 was at 100 years. From them I had the history. The ferry to North point, now where Beverly bridge, was established at Stone's in 1639 & the rates fixed. The Derby fort or Butt point ferry granted again in 1644, but the North ferry prevailed. In 1653, Easterbrook had the ferry to Ipswich. In 1658, Stackhouse had the ferry & the road was through Skerry's land. In 1694, the ferry was granted to John Massey & E. Gale & the road was by Skerry's into Smith's and Massey's ground. In 1708, John Massey, junr. took the ferry, now called Beverly ferry. In 1721, Waters had a lease of point of rocks, & eastern point called Woodbury's point. In 1728, Nath. Massey & Ellingwood hire the ferry. In 1695, a highway to Beverly Ferry. The rates at North ferry were fixed anew in 1742. In 1639, one penny L. M., in 1742, 3d. old tenor a person, 9d. a horse, & 3s. a Chaise, &c. In 1637, G. Wright had half an acre on the Neck to build upon & five acres on the forrest side to plant & to keep a ferry between Butt point & Darby Fort. In 1639, the ferry on the North point, formerly John Stone's, is granted to W. Dixey for 3 years & he is to keep a horse boat, a stranger's fare two pence, & a town man's a penny, Mares, horses & other great beasts, six pence, goats, calves & swine two pence, sheep not mentioned. In 1644 the ferry on Darby Fort side was granted to Thomas Dixey, the North Ferry kept by William Dixey and the north ferry ultimately obtained. When the last rates in 1742 were fixed the ferry came to Waters.

The Massey house was first built with the Chimney on the west side, the entrance having the side of the chimney towards it & the chimney on the ground. It was of two upright stories & the pent house running northwardly within four feet of the ground in a line from the ridge pole. The main frame of oak, the smaller timber of other wood, & the sides filled with clay & brick. The floors below were double, but above single & without ceiling. The western end was added in the same fashion & the chimney built against the old chimney. The windows at first small were enlarged, when larger glass was used, & the western end better finished than the east but not more strongly built or in better preservation when taken down.

January 1, 1819. The day was clear, the air temperate, & water in our streets. A beautiful Brig [belonging to John Derby was]

launched at Hawkes' this day, a good New Year's Day treat. Attended funeral of Catharine Lely at the poor house, aet. 19.

3. Sunday. Preparations for the Installation of a Mr. Henry Blatchford at the Branch. The people are considered Democrats & have chosen an Aristocratical form of Church Government in preference to the simple form of our Cong. or Indep. Churches & they are all of our more humble class of citizens. The higher Republicans have preferred the Monarchical & ceremonial form of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Spaulding led the Rep. to the Presb. and our more famous Judge [Story] to the Monarchy. We never had much Presbytery in N. E. It's chief seat was at Londonderry among the Irish emigrants.

4. Mr. Perry has returned my 1698 gun found in the ruins of the blacksmith's shop W. of the Common. He has put an ordinary stock to keep the thing together.

5. Saw a specimen of religious zeal. Since the dispersion of the flock belonging to Mr. S[paulding] they had determined to get together. One of the Comm. for the Singing came in to an honest Quaker in my presence to borrow half a dollar, with a bundle of rests for his Musical Instruments, to enable him to finish his job. He was quite doubtful of the time of payment & it was to be feared his zeal had betrayed him.

7. Another example of the desperate practices of our times has been given in the robbery of the mail from Salem to Boston. The Cashier of Merchant Bank, Salem, says he put into the Salem Post Office checks amounting to upward of 6 th. Dollars & they were taken out. The blame must lay in the Cashier, or Post Master, or Mail driver. The Passenger in the Mail is suspected & has been brought from Newbury Port & is to be examined. This week the noted Major Goodrich had another trial, the same man who said he was robbed at Newbury. Mr. Pearson, his host, sued him for arrest & search of his house. It appeared more evident that there had been no robbery & the jury gave in favour of Mr. Pearson, two thousand dollars & the Major not being able to pay was committed to prison. While such enormities obtain we shall be able to boast little of the reputation of Essex. Major G. had withdrawn after the last action & this circumstance had fixed the public opinion of his adventures.

8. Was for the last time with Mr. Frothingham. Portrait said to be good. He has in hand Mr. Bowditch, Pickering, Dodge, Hartthorne, Hubbard, West, Pedrick, Rev. Carlisle, Dr. Holyoke, Mrs. Dodge, a Pickering, Mrs. Ray, a Woodbridge, Mrs. West, a White, and others of Salem. He is a native of Charlestown, tho he works in Boston & the Centinel claims him as of Boston. Another Bank is proposed in Salem. The Subscription it is said is already half a million. This is probably to succeed the Essex Bank, which is about to close its affairs. The profligates who violated it are in Upper Canada, not more comfortable for their adventures.

10. Sunday. We had the Hon. Timothy Pickering with us this day as a sign of peace. On last first day I noticed the N. Eng. Presbyterian Church comparing what it was before & after the Revolution as we were to have an ordination in that Communion at Salem in the Branch. The day was announced & the ministers invited, excepting Flagg of Universalists. It being Epiphany, the Ep[iscopalian] Revd. Carlisle could not attend, & as my Dem. friends did not understand an aristocratic Church, I did not chuse to see them hang themselves. Their prospect is small. I saw a Committee man borrow 50 Cents to nail up a few traps in the Singing seats. Dr. Dana of Newbury Port preached, & my friend Giles had given me his true text not that of 2 Tim. 1, 7. I have not heard the subject mentioned by anyone whatever. It seems H. Blatchford has been a preacher somewhere in the Southern States.

The propositions which Worcester has lately made to his people, to retain his pastoral office but to be absent for part of the year in the superintendence of certain Missions has had frequent discussions within & without & something like a contract or consent has issued from it. But these hungry wolves profit from each others wants. In the Gazette, one Frothingham tells the public he has 5 pews to sell in the Tabernacle, or to barter. The South meeting tell in the same paper that lately they gave Mr. Emerson thirty dollars to be a member of the Am. Bible Society for life, & now have given forty to make him a member of the Am. Education Society for life. In the Branch they expect to profit richly. They are to give a thousand dollars who could not before give one hundred, have never paid for house or land & some have subscribed, it is said, to an incredible amount. Whether they have any aid from their Creditors, or private Citizens not of their society, or the Presb. Miss. society is not said.

11. The robbery of the mail in this neighborhood has been fixed upon Head who drove the Stage & by his confession he has relieved all doubts on the subject which had been freely agitated. At first he pretended to have a Companion & he has since denied it, but the person accused is under bonds for his appearance. Head has been an old offender, as letters of October last have been found in his stable. Thieves have sure detection in this quarter, not always as sure punishment.

12. John Prince, Esqr. informed me that the Jigers in the bay from Marblehead had lately adopted an improvement in their fishery. Every Jiger takes out several dories, sufficient to employ the whole crew, except a Ship keeper. When at their anchorage for fishing the dories are upon the favorite spots for fishing & the event has proved that they get many more fish than could be taken in the former way, by fishing together in the Jiger. He says lately when the dories of a Jiger were laden & a quick breeze came up & it was difficult for the dories of a Jiger to reach her,

some Salem boats seeing the danger came & saved the fish & the dories & then bore away for Salem. He sent a reward to the good neighbors wishing to obtain their name & the history of the event. Such acts ought to be publickly praised & recorded.

17. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Mary Hutchison, dangerously sick. She died in the night following. She was a Trask, aet. 74. Her husband Thomas H. died 1786, aet. 43. She left with her 7 children. 3 survive her. She was of the antient family of Trask & from that part of Salem now called Beverly. A very unright woman. We learn that Mr. Giles, who succeeded Rev. Bodily for whom the New Presbyterian Church in Newbury Port was built, near High street, has taken a present leave & has gone for England. The professed object is the state of his affairs as he has some property in that country. We have three of our Essex Ministers abroad. Mr. Abbot of Salem for his health in Cuba, & Mr. Abbot of Beverly in the Carolinas.

18. Several aged persons have died in Beverly lately. Two males & 3 females. The two males are the two Joseph Lovetts, one 80 & the other 93. These are descended from John who was with Endicott when he received Gov. Winthrop, 12 June 1630, & around him are the primitive settlers in Beverly then in Salem at their side of the river buried. I was acquainted with different branches of this family. Of John, one of the d. married Anderson, minister of Wenham, & another Rantoul, belonging formerly to my families now settled in Beverly & Representative of the Town. The Father was the most distinguished but they were all in good reputation & condition while I was preaching in Beverly.

21. One Saunders, g. son of the late Mr. Peele, Merchant, was among the bankrupts of the day. This is not the first time of failure in business. He had a Vendue office since Quarles & Kenny, traders sui generis. Quarles has been in trouble before & is a man not suited to feel the distress which he occasions.

22. Last Monday at a Town meeting, the Market House Committee were authorised to reduce the rents of the Stalls. When this house was built the town assured that it would be a rich income & so confident were the speculators that other buildings were erected below for a fish market & vegetable market. The Town had tried the experiment in the old market house, now in stores & stalls, & could not give them away. They have not been able to let at any rate what has been lately built after all the assurances publickly given. The town also voted to erect a School House in South Salem & directed the School Committee to build it & provide a master. The Grammar School is not yet finished & tho intended to be central is as far from such a position as it could be placed, for the accomodation of particular families, as the market was built. In all these transactions hardly a regard is paid to appearances & yet the common citizens who complain do not appear.

The rich are not satisfied, but the interest of professional men is so combined, that they do everything at their pleasure. This is not the language of disappointment but of calm observation & full conviction.

23. Mr. Joseph G. Waters writes to us from Natches, that he had been admitted to practice in Law without examination. That the Gov. & Judges advised him to reside at Gibson Port, about 40 miles from Natches, as the Shiretown of Clairborne County & a place of considerable Trade. He speaks highly of the Cotton crops & of the little parade of wealth among the planters. The Traders make from 30 to 50 pr. Cent profits. But House rents are high, a room 20 D. a month. Harding has completed a superb Country House, with an income said of 50 th. D. a year. He thinks the avenues of wealth open to all. He thinks Natches pleasant, but the creeks twenty feet perpendicular in their sides are continually removing the soil, & the loose texture of the soil seemed to threaten Natches itself. If their gains are great, expences are high. Coffee by the bag 50 Cts. Butter from 45 to 50 Cts. & everything in proportion. He professes still a love of home & that there is a magic in the name. We love to hear from these young men to whom everything is inspiring & everything charming. This is Adam in paradise. To most men after disappointments, it is Adam turned out of it. We have not only flattering accounts of Berry in his School at Nashville, Tenn. but as favourable as he gives from the Trustees who employ him. Mr. Stephens had reached this place & had availed himself of some Salem names to get employment in a School in the same place, we hope without odious competition.

24. Sunday. Notes. Mary Benson & her Son, d. of her husband, Francis Benson, aet. 65. He was long in the Merchant service & in the land & sea service during the Revolution. A truly hardy Seaman. My friend Rhust married his brother's widow, not living. His wife was a Symonds & her g. f. Symonds was brother of John who died at the ferry, aet. 100. Her g. f. Samuel Symonds built the fifth house in North fields. His Brother Joseph built before him. Her Mother was a Beadle. His Mother a Masury, sister of John who lived at Old Neck Gate. She has one d. at Attleborough, Mass., another at Gilmanton, N. H. She lived with her husband 43 years.

Wid. Abigail Chever with her Brother, d. of her Mother Mary Hutchinson, aet. 74. She was a Trask & married Thomas Hutchinson in 1764, came from Beverly to Salem & he died, aet. 46, in 1786, a Blacksmith, a healthy strong man with a fever. She was of the old primitive Trask family. Her surviving son lived with her. Abigail marr. Capt. Nath. Chever who died Nov. 1813 & left her with four small children & one died in 1815.

Elizabeth, wid. of Th. Hutchinson, d. of her M. in law, pr. for Sons at Sea, a Hitchins.

26. Funeral of G[eorge] Ropes, aet. 31. He was born deaf & dumb, but with a clear intellect. He soon had a system of signs & commenced painting with great success. He began by drawing ships, landscapes & then continued the trade of Chaise & sign & other such paintings & obtained a good support for his Mother & the Children. His father had been dead 12 years & left 9 children & one a daughter in the same condition as he has been. He belonged to a young association, retained the best social & innocent temper & was buried with every mark of respect by the citizens this afternoon. He was visited by the friends to the the Deaf & Dumb Institution at Hartford, upon their first arrival & they considered him as a very proper subject but he concluded his business & his habits were an obstacle to any other attempts to overcome the evils of his condition. He led me for the present to believe that any dismemberment would be a greater injury to mind than the loss of any sense in the first organization. We have near us two men who have by incidents lost an arm to the shoulder. Both of them were robust & healthy men. Both of them are frequently alarmed at their condition. One is a somnambulist & quite consistant when his fits come on. The other is subject to great depression & neglects everything. Our deaf & dumb are quiet, limited in their powers but in no respect irregular.

27. A black boy examined at the poor house for putting fire to the South Mills. The fire was discovered when it had progressed but a little way. He says he had an accomplice. He is young, but has no kind of moral sense & appears simple & unguarded.

28. The failure of Seccomb & Co. has not obstructed the plan of his Laboratory in North fields & an association has been formed & has applied to the Legislature for an incorporation. The works have been put in high order under Mr. Hunt who says the business has been profitable. Tho events do not say so, yet he has satisfied the creditors & others that as the works exist they can be rendered worthy of continued experiment. See the account of a visit to them in the past season, when they were first removed from Marlborough street over the Bridge into North fields. In Gloucester they have a petition for a Fishery Company.

29. The black boy was removed from the Charity House to the County Goal. We trust that the object of this house will soon be distinct. That the County House for vagrants & the insane will do its office, & that the Charity house will receive only those who can be restrained & made to work if able, when not known for open violence or by habits of distraction.

31. Sunday. This day finishes the full term of two months in all which the Snow has not covered the Ground for 24 hours & never has been at the depth of one inch at any time.

Notes. Seeth Ropes & family, Wid. of G. Ropes, d. of her Son, deaf & dumb, painter. Son at Sea, who is engaged to Mary Prince. It is a good family of children. Widow Mary Brown, d. of her Brother, Mr. Benjamin Pickering, aet. 48, a Batchelor. Mr. B. P. lived with a sister Newell above Deacon P's towards Neck Gate, had been long infirm & was a man of serious temper & orthodox so-called devotion. This is a branch of the old Pickering family. A son at Sea. He has been in the East Trade in the double voyages from India to Europe. She has a Son & two Daughters. She has three Sisters, an Eaton at Sedgwick, Maine, a Symonds, North fields, besides Sister Newell.

Brother Carlisle of Salem is busy for he has organized an Episcopal Church in Lynn of which he is Rector & in which Brother Chase from Bristol, R. I. is to officiate.

February 1, 1819. Last Friday the subject of the Elections came on in the Union M. Office & the company resolved themselves into a Deliberating Society. The wishes of the Majority were to nominate B. W. C[rowninshield], late S. of Navy. It was opposed by a young Lawyer, A. D[unlap], and at last under the recollection that the Company did not represent the republicans, it was agreed to meet this evening at Buildings in Union St. In this the result was to support B. W. C. In the intermediate time assurances were brought that the Leg. Caucus were to issue upon the wishes of Salem & they had been assured B. W. C. would not be supported. Some little schemes of private enmity appeared & were promoted with little modesty or concealment. But the support was humble, & the person was refused upon nom. to every office.

4. Yesterday passing Beverly bridge on a Visit, the Tollman of his own accord advised me to notice the clearness of the water of the River as he had never observed it in such a state. We passed under the Bridge to be near the surface. The tide was then at five hours flood on the 10th day of the moon at six o'clock tides. Everything was distinctly seen on the bottom in 14 feet of water and the whole distance to the eye seemed diminished to a fourth part of that depth. As this river receives many small streams over shoal water & beds of muscles, & passes over them near its channel as it rises, they who fish on the bridge seldom can see at great depth from the surface. The lowness of the streams above & the clearness of the atmosphere must account for this appearance & transparency

5. Portrait half of Henry Gibbs, Esqr. taken before his marriage in 1721. He was S. of Robert, by Mary (Shrimpton) who became 3d wife of Hon. S. Sewall & born Nov. 7, 1694 at Boston. Marr. June 8, 1721, to Hanna, d. of Hon. Joseph Wadsworth who was born May 15, 1699. He removed to Newton, Mass. now so called, to his farm & died May 14, 1761. The farm has since

been with Col. Cushing & Mr. Thayer. The portrait Mr. G. received from Mrs. Abigail Spillard of Portsmouth, N. H. niece of the wid. of H. G. Esqr., having been in her possession from the death of Hanna G's, who died 26 M. 1783. Gibbs arms 3 battle axes, & Shrimpton, Cross five Scallop Shells. Coat, purple lined, red. Neck cloth upon open breast. Under vest red with small buttons round, red on Coat & Vest, buttoned once below neck cloth not far from the bottom, wrist band buttoned, linen button. Cuff open with 4 red buttons on each side & shirt loosely folded below both ways. Hand brought over below neck cloth with a Letter add. To the Rev. Henry Gibbs of Watertown. The painting in the manner of Smibert. Coat without a collar & cut low before.

A portrait of Samuel Curwen, Esqr., Son of Rev. G[eorge] Curwen of Salem who died Nov. 23, aet. 35, 1717 in the fourth year of his ministry, & graduated at Camb. N. E. 1735. He was a hardware merchant & went to England as a Refugee at the commencement of the revolution & returned to Salem after the peace of 1783. His wife remained at Salem. His house was in Essex St., on the north side, beyond the corner passing to North Street. His father's house was on the Court below the Old Meeting House on the North side. Samuel Curwen died in Salem, April 9, 1802, aet. 87. In the back ground is the meeting house & mansion of his G. Father & windmill on the estate at Windmill point, Salem, & the bason between & Sail boats. He has a light blue Coat without a Collar, a neck cloth & vest buttoned over it. Vest closed. Coat with red lining. Holding a book. One coat sleeve with loose fold in the shirt with deep ruffle. Coat buttons large, horn & distant from each other. Large brown wig. Vest & coat cut to leave upper part of the breast open. Half length.

7. Sunday. Mr. Worcester of Salem who has leave of absence 9 m. in the year upon missionary business is preparing to leave us on a visit to Washington. In Salem our First Cong. Church has a petition for incorporation. The Orne legacy seems to have suggested the expediency of a fund. As the numbers decrease & the wealth comparatively lessens, they had rather the law should give some assistance. Like the Proprietor's Schools which seem to give place to the public Schools, placed central to the homes of a few but far enough from the centre of the population.

11. The two female orators at the delivery of the Standards of Gloucester were with me. Ann Trask & Hannah Low. On so fine a day they started from home in a chaise to visit us at Salem. They had kindred & they had friends. We gave them a hearty welcome. The Dates of Asia & the Walnuts of Essex & the beverage which mixed the sweetness of the lane, the richest of our gardens, the delicious bitter of the hop, when in company with the best gourds of our field. Ann has all her vivacity & while her imagination described her pleasures, sympathy makes her forget all that are not

before her. H. Low waits the steps of her friend & follows not to retard her. My Hanna is pure, while she rises to every call of hospitality & friendship. I had only to tell Ann every where I would be with her in the sports of summer. She talks of fishing, she knows I love to see sport at the water. It is pure & the sport innocent. They left us upon the return in good season for home.

13. This day we had the beginning of Winter The snow began to fall after midnight. In the afternoon it rained & some hail fell, but the snow continued through the evening & then ceased. A Vessel arrived in N. C. & in Lat. 31, 39, Long 60, saw part of a wreck with articles marked as belonging to the Gen. Jackson, a Brig belonging to J. J. Knapp & commanded by J. Phippen, which sailed from Salem in December. This news brought a fortnight since has been followed with no news of the Crew. Phippen was a brother in Law to Knapp. Mr. Ostrom, a Swede who married a Knight, in the Vessel.

21. Last week died in Salem, Hubbard Oliver, aet. 74, and thus ends the first experiment of Scotch Presbetry in Salem, just as the second begins. Dr. Whitaker when he came from Norwich to the new Meeting House erected for Fiske & afterward used by Leavitt & Huntington & burnt in 1774, erected the Tabernacle & established the presbyterian government, tho the people said after the peace of 1783, when he became unpopular, that they were not properly informed of his designs & dismissed him. In his session he had two men called his Elders. Hubartus Mattoon from New Market, N. H. & Hubbard Oliver, both of them smiths. With these men devoted to his service he carried on his work. His own intemperance was undoubtedly the cause of their defects, but both of them lived after his departure in a state of extreme poverty & without reputation. H. O. was the more able man of the two. He was the bellman of the town, as long as able, & at last was run over in the highway by a cart & from the injuries he received he died. H. M. returned to the old Church & H. O. attended in the Universal Ch. after it was erected. I charge the sufferings of these two men to the life they led in following their pastor & being entertained in his manner. H. M. was the most rude in manners & looks. H. O. had more civility & intellect & was a better Copper Smith than the other a blacksmith.

22. Day agreed upon to celebrate the birth of Washington. It passed under the name of a Military celebration, but it was indeed under other direction, & it being unusual to have two in a year it will prevent any other should it be asked. The people took it for what it appeared to be & were sincere. Joy was everywhere diffused. At dawn a gun was fired & at sunrise a salute of 13 guns, & the Bells rang a merry peal. At eleven was a proces-

sion with an escort to the N. Meeting house. The exercises were delivered in a full house. We poured all our population into the streets. It was a fine day & every person seemed to enjoy it. The table was bountifully spread & the guests were at every part of it. We had few strangers. Col. Pickman at the head of the table. Mr. Crowninshield, late Secretary, was with us. The toasts were given & the bells which had assisted the joy finished their peals when another salute attended the setting sun. We never saw the town more in motion or joy in it more sincere. We had not the least symptom of discord through the day. Everything pleased.

23. Weather still mild, & shores free from ice & out door business comfortable. We have had no sleighs yet for our winter amusements or sleds in our market. The work of the new houses on the Common has continued incessantly & our flats have supplied the poor at their pleasure with shell fish. The fishermen have crossed the rivers in small boats for bait as they pleased.

25. Zeruiah Tuttle, aet. 81, who died in town on Jan. last, I find to be a Sister to Wid. Elizabeth Twise who lived long on our Neck. I knew her father James Chapman, weaver, & she married Samuel Tuttle, brick maker, who lived & died in Broad field making bricks within Woods' gate. Mr. Chapman came from Beverly & lived to great age. His d. Twise is now 83 years of age. The Wid. Elizabeth Bartlet was wid. of Robert B. & lived by permission in Fort Lee, while her husband lived. Her children say she was much above 80 years as reported. The widow Newhall was provided for in her last years by her sister, but had been poor. A Yell. This evening was a splendid ball at Sec. Crowninshield's.

26. Capt. S. Stacey, aet. 50, was drowned between his vessel & the wharf when attempting to put a fender to his vessel during the heavy gale. This is our first eastern weather. Capt. John Prince of Marblehead says from Oct. to Jan. were 110 days when the wind did not go round the compass. I do not find it strictly so. An uncommonly high tide so as to cover our wharves & to enter into many of our stores. Much damage to the wharves where liable to loose the earth which covers the cobbs. Much wood washed from the wharves but little lost. Loss of moveable property not great.

27. Our subject Washington & the historians of this wonderful man. Of Dr. Gordon I knew much. He was as troublesome as Morse & had disputes with our Legislature. I supplied his desk while he was with Gates to get the history of the war & had nothing for it not even horse hire. He was a man of prejudices, but would not willingly pervert, and his prejudices can easily be detected. He went away rather in a pet. He had a good library & rather an uncommon one for a minister in his days. I know not whether he consulted it much. He did not often refer to it, tho

my relation to Cambridge might have justified him. Ramsay was a man who had a ready pen & could go over things easily. All his writings deserve to be read for the ease about them. His tragical end was more distressing as he was an amiable man. Judge Marshall's ponderous work was made up at the public demand & was eagerly sought, but the public were soon satisfied, some because tired of so large a work, & others because as a whole it had not answered expectations. Dr. Ramsay gave us a manual which pleased us, but Bancroft understood the text as well & had as many northern readers because he kept better to it. But the Manualists had not an intimate acquaintance with Washington from which they could take the truth of colouring. Madam Warren was the sister of the great James Otis whom all of his time revered & whom Pr. Adams has justly praised. She was proud to consider the conspicuous part her husband took who was indeed a patriot & gentleman, but as promotion did not seek him she was too apt to consider the favorites of the people as his rivals & treat them accordingly. He was an excellent man, but James Warren was lost from among the bold spirits of the revolution soon. I saw him in his retirement at Milton & in his last days at Plymouth. Had he finished with the conspicuous part with which he began, it might have given a better attitude to some figures in the picture, but still we may value the information & talents which have been displayed. We find James Warren at the Navy Board in the northern department 1780 & 81. At the peace he was at Plymouth & there spent the latter part of his life.

28. Sunday. The Branch in Salem have an Oratorio & sent one of their inferior members to me to persuade me to give notice in the public service and to inform me of a concert of prayer. I made my remarks & declared I would receive no such notices but through my Committee. The man came when I was going to the service & was of the humblest grade of mind & manners & sent as he said by one of the committee. As I had seen one of the Committee borrowing $\frac{1}{2}$ D. of a Quaker for the same Singing seats & having been told yesterday it had not been paid according to promise, it might be well imagined what must be my duty in the case. As he mentioned the name of a minister in Salem, I presume this is much such a message as that sent to me at Cambridge at the last Commencement. The daring of the small at the instigation of their betters. Winter has finished without one day for using sleighs & sleds in the three past months.

March 1, 1819. The report published from our Charity house under Paul Upton in Mass. Agr. Journal is that upon 35 acres in 1818 were produced 7960 lbs. of pork killed, 12 pigs sold for 42 D. On hand, 57 live pigs. Corn, 400 bushels, Potatoes, 2250 bushels, Turneps, 90 bushels, three tons of squashes & fifty tons

of pumpkins, besides the common summer vegetables. It may be added in the same season a wharf of 360 by 160 feet filled & all the stone work blown from the quarries, & carried & chiefly by the labour of the subjects of the Charity.

4. William Perkins was one who had liberty to settle at Ipswich before April, 1633 & was one of the 12 who went with John Winthrop to Ipswich in March of that year. There is a tradition that he officiated at Topsfield, before it had an ordained minister, as a teaching elder & performed as a minister. Gilbert was ordained at Topsfield, 9 Nov. 1663 or thirty years after W. P. came. Thomas Perkins, late a merchant of Salem, it is said has made his will granting a large sum to the Town of Salem, which he holds by a Debt of the Town. He lives [in Topsfield] on the road just on the descent towards Ipswich river passing from Danvers.

7. Sunday. Note. Rebecca Gale & family including wife of George Gale, d. of her Son G. Gale & Children absent. Capt. Gale was lost at Sea after coming to Salem. The Son was injured at sea by the fall of a heavy body upon him, worked at book binding & died in Consumption, aet. 25. She with child. Last Thursday died at Newbury Port, Samuel Spring, D. D. He has been the most active friend of the Andover institution & has obtained the largest donations from his own parishioners. With all the zeal of Dr. Spring he still may be considered as a man of a firm mind, undaunted perseverance & undisguised opinion. I am sorry to say that his neighbours found him tolerant. He was abusive to Murray & was shunned by Carey. Yet he was an active benefactor to his own Sect. I found him free, tho in his sect intolerant. No man of our times in the object he pursued had better success.

8. We had a violent snow storm. And tho with much exultation we had boasted that for the three winter months the ground had not been covered, we soon learnt that we must pay the balance. The snow drove with great fury & was in great banks from four to five feet in height. On the turnpike over the marshes all the snow was carried off by the wind so that we have neither sleighing nor wheeling.

9. The political party of Salem that has pretended to befriend the election of B. W. C[rowninshield] are in secret saying his election is impossible & hint that as he had a unanimous nomination it was a notice to withdraw with honour. They have employed to defend the nomination a man without capacity, because he can ramble through the common place they give him while he injures at every step. Such the progress we have made in our electioneering campaign. And upon this hangs a tale. The mechanics who have lately embodied & found out their strength by their processions, have had a secret consultation about town officers. This is a new flower before unknown in this farm. It is said

they have kept their secret well & will discover themselves in the elections of the morrow. We never were more quiet before an election apparently. Some of the knowing ones thought the Mechanics looked too formidable & I confess I had no conception of their talents, strength & numbers before.

10. This day was our Annual town meeting & my turn to open it [with prayer]. An almost new board of Selectmen were elected. Capt. Endicott only remains. Instead of Mansfield, Fettyplace, Barstow & Prince, succeed J. Crowninshield, P. Putnam, Howard & J. Andrews.

11. Report of Town Expences for past year 32 th. D. In 1818, 26 th. D., an increase of 6 th. Dollars on incidental expences. The fencing the burying grounds, the new pumps, & road expences make the principal part of the excess, & these are temporary expences. What we owe for public buildings, our great debt, is not in this report. We go on the purpose that he who works should be paid & he who works for the public may work less & get more.

12. New political occurrences. The Union office or half rep. party & the fed. of the first stamp has agreed together for their candidates but chose to keep all their measures secret till the last moment, thinking from the state of the last Caucus that they were secure. Of late years there has been a Mechanic association & a few years ago they had a procession & discovered they had a strength which they did not even dare to imagine. It was at this time the prediction was that some change would arise out of this new power. It seems as secretly as the other two associations, the mechanic ag. determined to disappoint both. I was in office at the meeting, but discovered nothing. When the votes were called all the force of these men was ready & carried everything before it. Their principal object was the selectmen, but finding their strength they did as they pleased. Great indignation has been expressed from this unexpected occurrence. Some of the old officers have refused to serve, but it is believed they will not incur the hazard of a second disappointment. We all have our different feelings, but the occurrence is a lesson to us.

16. We have the news of the d. of Charles H. Parker, son of D. Parker formerly Grammar School Master & now living in Salem, aet. 24. Charles discovered a genius for drawing & engraving & had been in Europe & was with Fairman in Philadelphia. He had given some good specimens of execution & excelled as a writing engraver. He was engaged in engraving a Copy of Washington's farewell address & the head piece had been received & applauded in Salem. His death was occasioned by a fall. Last Saturday died in Salem, Abigail Peale, Maiden Sister of the late Jonathan Peale, Br. in law to Thomas Mason, both well known Merchants of Salem. Abigail was 91 years of age.

18. Last evening the friends of Mr. B. W. C [rowninshield] as-

sembled & chose delegates to the Convention of Essex at the Hotel in Topsfield. No disputation & the cry No Lawyers. Perhaps solely to prevent the interruption at the last meeting. In Danvers, the high party are a little displeased as they failed of a Bank project in the Legislature & therefore will not elect again the former Senators.

19. We hear of one of our Sons, not of the first, connected with a fanatic, gone from town to be married. The plea is his necessary absence at sea. The truth probably is to settle a dispute by whom the marriage should be consummated. We are at this moment trying the new brooms & this begets a great zeal for proselytism. New Hampshire ceases to admit these clandestine marriages or marriage by certificate or the parties appearing without publishing the banns.

20. Nehemiah Smith, of Beverly, [dead] æt. 73, was well known for his zeal in religious disputes. He was a taylor, of a tall & slender form & very well confirmed in his inward knowledge of the truth, as he was without any outward means. He could hardly keep himself free from the temptations of his poverty, arrogance & zeal. O[badiah] Parsons had no claims in the pulpit & I doubt whether he wrote the sermons he preached. I was with him at the council in Lynn. He carried the same sermons repeatedly to prove that he had more than they pretended.

21. Sunday. Note. Jane Beckford, d. of her Child, pr. for husband & brother at sea. Sometime since when Ballou was in Salem he visited Emerson's Vestry & there heard the invectives of this shallow man against Univ. Salvation. He considered this as a challenge not to pugilism, but to writings which have the same character in the literary world as fisty cuffs have in the social. The pamphlets infamous, as they were, we have noticed. Flag, Ballou's successor, has been at Lynn & has been attacked by the Methodists who lately told him that what he said was false. And the dispute was to follow in which the Methodists were to be reinforced & Ballou was to aid in the battle. We have not heard the result. Flag has printed the substance of one of his late Evening harangues, without much aid to his cause. How mollifying the influence of religious opinion we may guess from other anecdotes in the neighbourhood. A Baptist has been ordained at Marblehead. Reed, late of Congress, has engaged for the zealots & has required of his pastor, Bartlet, to keep it up. As a part of the plan B. is to exchange pulpits with the zealots of Salem. He applied but was refused unless he could declare that he was in their sense born again. He was too honest to make the declaration & the pulpits are denied him.

In Salem we have strange fears in our School Committee. The late elections ejected the most officious men from the List. The Committee trusting to their influence & having in their hands the Centre School of 12 th. D., resigned. Secretly, just before the Regis-

ter went to the press, a letter enjoining secrecy was sent to be inserted or returned upon conditions. This Letter represented the services of the Committee and engaged their services could the whole number be restored as before. On Friday the Mechanic Asso. met. Whether this is the language of despair or is a design to overrule the purposes of the Mech. Asso. I know not. Tomorrow is to determine it. It satisfies that the measure of imposing their whole number on the Town is judged premature. It was a daring one & needlessly so. As it is doubtful whether the Mech. Asso. expected so much success as they had it is doubtful whether they will persevere. The Letter was returned as required & not printed, because it would involve a consent that all the town measures should be retracted, it would withdraw all aid to our own friends without consulting them because it was too late for an answer & their own paper was published the day before & because it was sent by a person unknown & withdrew from the printer all means of knowing who could be accountable for the sentiments it contained.

22. Mr. Bartoll, painter, says he has received from Boston a carved head for the Ship Gouverneur Endicott, built for Pickering Dodge in South fields. Mr. B. however assures me that the costume is that of Gov. Brooks with a modern military dress, epaulets & decorations. Our magistrates dressed like our ministers, the coat buttoning before & the broad band was the dress whatever commissions our magistrates might bear.

23. The busy women with the Africans still intrude upon us. They are not willing that we should do good in our own ways. I say to collect them in the night is to favour all their bad habits, to take them from their families in the only hours they have together, & to oblige the worst domestic neglects from which they suffer. I say also that to worship together is to delay the hour of their resurrection to the hopes of men. On the seats with our congregations they have the same lessons, they see our manners & all our families & can notice all the cares we take for the prosperity & hopes of society. But tho I told them I had refused evening lectures during all my ministry, never having preached one at any time above forty years, yet I was pressed to have one before sun down, & tho I put off till May, yet by this equivocal language I was to be held.

26. The third town meeting or Second adjournment. The School Committee is the only one not satisfied. In the past year a new house has been built & almost all the old Schoolmasters & Mistresses turned out. The Central S. H. cost many th. D. & is upon the circumference. Some men in the Committee were busy & were not thought to be the men who ought to appear. These were rejected & the rest with one consent have withdrawn. The Constable has visited me with an appointment from which I had [been] ejected to make room for the last Comers.

28. Sunday. Note. William Lane with his Brothers & Sisters, d. of youngest B. John, aet. 24. In announcing the Andover Institution with Brown's late donation of 25 th. dollars it is declared to have been founded in prayer, & after this year will supply 40 ministers. In ten, probably 100 annually, already has given 150 & as the calculation is to the 150 th. souls. Mr. Homer told me that an association of women near me prayed for my soul & these ministers pray always with all prayer, on whatever occasion they visit. Such is the language which they freely employ about themselves. It is one of their designs to draw into their forms those they cannot drive to their opinions in order to employ all the names they can into parts of their plans. We find Dr. Worcester returned to Salem, for he has found a rival in Cornelius. He tells much of his success & of the Indian lands.

One of the fanatics complained here in Salem, named Swett, how much time was lost by parents in playing with little children. The rage for an Ep[iscopal] church in Lynn is said to abate, since they are not able to keep open that they have had in Marblehead for almost a Century. In Salem a disposition appears to revive the plan of Sunday Schools & every artifice is employed to connect this service with the prevailing superstition. The admission to the Communion is made by collecting as many as possible at a time, by giving notice & by alarming the fears of the multitude. We cannot say they do not work hard for the living they get & as their fame is short, they earn it.

Of the Lane family, William, married a Brown, still living, with Children. Nancy a Beals, he now in the charity house, have children. One D. married a Perry, another a Magoon, another a Touzer, another a Buffum, living with Children.

29. This day I passed through the most interesting scene of my life. I came to the family of H. C[rowninshield] in 1791. In 1789 I had baptised Hanna, d. of Benj. & Mary Crowninshield, two years before I came into the family, tho I had before lived in a branch of it. As soon as Hanna the g. d. was of age for instruction she was put into my care. She has rewarded it with her virtues & accomplishments. This day I delivered her in marriage to an officer of the Navy [Lieut. James Armstrong]. He is from Virginia, but to me unknown. What the prospects are I cannot guess. The event is not from my wishes or at my will. The sympathy was beyond description. The hundred I have united never gave such emotions. I knew nothing contrary to the hopes of the young man & that is the evil, that even this consolation is not borrowed from the ample means to render it happy, being rather my ignorance than my observation. The branches of the family were represented on the occasion & after the ceremonies H. retired to her Father's in Danvers. The questions were Will she go to Virginia? It is said not, but the property was not

then conveyed. Thus after nearly 30 years all our hopes are unknown. Why did not so accomplished girl find a bosom friend in Salem. They who respected her did not dare to ask without means to support, and they who looked for fortune could not find it. All the domestic relations were not such as ambition could desire. I hope H. will be happy. It will be my happiness. My best wishes attend her.

30. A ship this night went ashore bound, called Liverpool Packet, to Boston. The town had chosen me again of the School Committee. The parties in town have changed this Committee often as past minutes will prove. In the last Committee it was determined to have a new School House and Central, tho placed as far from the Center as private accomodation could require. The expence was to be ten th. D. and the Master one thousand. All the other Schools were provided in the same manner. All these expences have not given satisfaction. The new School is not yet entered. I declined.

31. The Ship ashore last Monday night touched upon the western part of the shoal ground of Baker's Island Ledges not far from Searle's rock NWly from the South Gooseberry Is. She unhung her rudder, but by seasonable aid & good weather reached & entered at Marblehead & on Tuesday came to the Crowninshield wharf in Salem. She belonged to Lyman of Boston, was very rich & has suffered very inconsiderably considering her danger. The Ship was called Liverpool Packet, Morgan, bound from Canton to Boston.

April 1, 1819. Our Annual Fast. Public worship was well attended & Contribution good. It is on the same day in New Hampshire. We do not observe the day as formerly. In the last year the Gov. omitted the word Fast in the proclamation, but he has replaced it in this. Few fast. Some vary their meals & put off the eating of meat till supper or after the evening service. Most make no other change than to have no parade, perhaps a more simple dinner & without any invitations to their friends, which are not uncommon on Sundays among their more dependent relatives. Children & servants were never taught rigourously to fast in the past Century. We had an excellent reserve piece of salt beef with vegetables. My G. Father always obtained if possible the Dandelions, the rich herbs of our Spring.

3. Samuel Lord who died last week in Ipswich, aet. 90, was an officer in the British service in 1751, & was at the taking of Louisburg & Quebec. It is an antient & venerable family in Ipswich & in New England & was among the first settlers. Nath. Lord, junr. is at present the worthy Register of Probate for Essex & one of the Justices of Peace, as is also Joseph Lord.

4. Sunday. Notes. Miriam Manning, wid. of Rd. Manning, death of her Brother Samuel Lord, aet. 90 at Ipswich. Mr. Lord

was born in Boston & his mother d. of Elizabeth Clarke. His father, a Hatter, died at 50, & his mother at 80 y. His father returned to Ipswich early & Samuel lived in his father's house 80 years, opp, the burying ground & at marriage built an end to it now standing. The sister aet. 70 & her Brother 68. She promises me the family Register.

Mary Read with her Brothers & Sisters, d. of Sara, Wife of their Brother Capt. W. Fairfield now at sea. There are six children living. Mary & Elizabeth & the Wid. Lois Phippen. The Sons, William, John & Joseph. Pr. for their Brother at Sea.

Elizabeth Fowler of Lynn, d. of her Aunt Sara Fowler, wife of W. Fairfield, not having children. Her Aunt had educated her as her own, & expressed great attachment to her.

Abijah Hitchens & wife & children, d. of his Son Benjamin at sea, 5 d. from Havannah, aet. 16. He was a Son of Abijah Hitchens who married the d. of my Friend Benjamin Gardner who was with Mr. Josiah Gaines in the Rope walk of Crowninshield, west of English Street. They have 7 children left. Two sons, one at sea, & one young & 5 daughters in fine health. He is infirm & has been able to do little for his family. Wife a good woman.

Hanna Cloutman, d. of her g. Son B. Hitchins. The mother of B. H's wife & was a Becket. Lois Phippen has lately lost her husband, was Capt. of the Albatross, & washed overboard. Three of the Crew escaped & returned. Married in 1807. Another Capt. Phippen whose sister married a Knapp was lost lately off the Bermudas, & all perished.

Capt. W. Fairfield's mother was a d. of John Becket, & the family still live in John Becket's house, Essex, Corner of East street. Joseph has not been able to maintain himself. These losses in Salem fall upon the Becket family. Peele & Donaldson, S. & S. in Laws of Wid. Peele, a Becket, have taken charge of W. Fairfield's affairs.

5. The day of our annual election of the Commonwealth. The number of votes about half what we have produced. Our fellow citizen Mr. C[rowninshield] could not gain a majority of votes. The chief objection was in Salem that he was not engaged in Commerce. The plea for him in the Commonwealth is that he loaned all his property to the government & has left it in their hands for the demands of the nation. This reasoning is such as our common politicians admit. Some have taken the name for the man & everything done in the name is his own. Who would go abroad for such contentions who could stay honestly at home.

6. The C. votes rather advance at first reports, than diminish. R[ichard] C[rowninshield] having made a conveyance of the Cleopatra's Barge to a Boston Broker to cover it from claims of his creditors in New York that by the judgment of the Supreme

Jud. Court, U. S. A. are relieved from the State Bankrupt Laws, has by the oath of his assignee given her up to his Creditors. As soon as Brown took the oath that she was his property she was seized by B's creditors for debts due in the Bank when Clerk there. Little did G[eorge] C[rowninshield] expect that his C. Barge would so soon come to such a market & little pity is shewn to R. C., setting aside the dishonest purpose of the Conveyance, for exposing a property of such extraordinary name & in such suspicious circumstances at such a place. There is the greatest complexity of ignorance, impudence, vile purpose & exposure in this fraud ever known. The Fame of the C. Barge carries it everywhere & admits no concealment of anything belonging to it.

8. The report is that Philips who killed his wife in Marblehead, as it was said in a fit of insanity & attempted the life of his child & had threatened his parents & was put at liberty, has been out in his boat with his father in the shore fishery & returned without him. False confidence. R. C. who lost the Cleopatra's barge by fraudulent conveyance lately & who sent a gang of Irishmen to the list of State paupers debased by the —— in his own house, has suffered from the elopement of one of his daughters with two Irishmen. The tales of this family exhibit something yet unknown in this part of the country for want of domestic economy, education of children, management of affairs & conduct among their servants & neighbours.

11. Sunday. Note. Nancy Beals & children & Brothers & Sisters, d. of her husband, & their oldest Brother in Law & for a friend at Sea. She a d. of Nicolas Lane & third wife of Christopher Beals. Beals was a Ship joiner from Boston where he married his first wife Mary Downs, born in Boston, parents from R. I. He lived with her 6 y. Afterwards he married a second wife, a Bacon of Lexington & came to Salem. She died in 1801. He then married the widow Cranston, a Lane, & was her husband 16 years.

12. Last Saturday was launched at Briggs' in Southfields, a Ship of 325 tons coppered to her bends. She is named the Gov. Endicott & has a head dressed as a British General representing him. The family likeness has been handed down through seven generations & they who have seen my copy from the original could hardly be persuaded that Capt. E. did not sit for the likeness till they were assured that it was taken by a foreigner, an Italian, from the original, when he knew not that any man bore the name.

13. One of the sons of N. Rogers has addressed Mary, a daughter of Capt. N. West & this day she is to be interred. The young woman is a g. d. of E. H. Derby by his eldest daughter. Opinion is very favourable to the woman & to the intended match.

16. John Cummings from Groton brought me news of the death of my father Joshua Bentley, aet. 95. My Brother in Law David Child's Letter says of the date Ap. 15. Dear Br. Your father is

no more. He died this morning at 10 o'clock — we have appointed the funeral at ten o'clock on Saturday. It was enquired in a former letter about burying him & it was thought best at Groton, where he died, living with his youngest d. Mary. My father had been temperate, not laborious. Warm in his attachments. Rather irritable, but not implacable. Persevering, not hurrying. He was in the spirit of his ancestors & of the North end of Boston, zealous in his politics. He was brought up in the school of the Cookes & had been often at Middlecott Cooke's house. He was well read in the politics of the day. He was an unvarying friend of the Congregational Churches & I never saw him or heard of his being in any other. He was not censorious, but he was consistent. He said little, did as he thought always. He was baptised by Mr. Webb, & attended the Eliott. I have heard him say the house called New North stood 90 years & neither was it opened in the morning or evening of the Lord's Day, but he or his father were in it. Two sons & two daughters survive him. He had 12 children, 9 sons, & 42 grand children & several great grand children. By a shameful mismanagement he was cast upon me in his old age.

19. This day is not only memorable in our civil history but in the history of Salem. A vote was obtained of the town, when embarrassed with the debts of the New Charity House & New Market, to build a new Grammar School house & 10 th. D. were appropriated & expended when we had a good house already. This house was to be Central but it was as far from that position as it could be. The unusual debts of the town gave discontent to those who might chuse a small town for their residence to be rid of the taxes of the Capital. The Mechanics lately embodied, finding they should not be restrained by the merchants, combined to promote a new list of officers. In the School Committee it was determined an obnoxious man should not be elected & after repeated votes at different times a great majority was against the election. All the members of the last Committee resigned, were reelected & resigned. A new set of their friends was chosen but resigned. The impulse of the moment gave us the members we now have. They invited to the dedication, but nothing like respect was shewn. The work was with ill omen. A Negro Justice gave the address & an excommunicated minister performed the acts of devotion. Sad representatives of State & Church.

20. A Letter from my Nephew informs me that the Funeral of my Father was on a very rainy day, but that the principal citizens of every name were present. That my Father expressed in his devotion his utmost resignation not long before he expired & that the last moments were without pain. Life ceased in the most easy manner to be imagined, he drew up his feet & fell asleep. The family attended from Boston & were at the meeting on last Sunday, the day after the funeral. Two Daughters & four grand children

were from Boston, so that I was the only child absent. In his letter he says "The minister, Physician, Lawyers, Deacons, Preceptor, Schoolmasters & most respectable people in the town were there notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. Six very respectable men supported the pall & eight more carried the bier. One office it seems according to the custom of the place, is as honourable as the other. All seemed to respect the dead, more because he was your father & had been so unjustly thrown upon your bounty. The night before he died, he prayed as usual, audibly, & the substance of his prayer was that God would give his ease & submission to his will." My nephew made out the account & exclusive of funeral expences the amount was about 14 dollars in my favour. The letter says that my Br. in law had behaved as if it had been his own father. The true reason of my absence was from the conduct of the Incumbent. He received my companion with kindness as the next neighbour & at the request of my Br. & Sister. But he left G. the next morning without the least notice, tho I waited upon him in the evening & without leaving the least apology. Should I have been at Groton, & have shut my own meeting house & have experienced any neglect, I should never have forgiven my indiscretion & it was unequivocal that I had never been wanting in my duty, as hundreds of letters from my father & the testimonies of the whole family might declare. When I was at Groton, Dearborn & Putnam were upon the lips of talkers & parties had been high. I saw many things. From some a warm reception, from others doubts seemed mixed with civilities. I am persuaded I did that which was right.

22. This day the Magouns launched a Fishing Schooner from the wharf below Webb street. She was raised by tackles up the same ways upon which she was launched. She was sawed in two in the middle & her tonnage doubled by a frame put into the middle & when finished launched again. The ways passed under her & the two cradles moved on the ways in the same position in which she sat in them before she moved. They were just large enough to receive her & she moved sideways to the water as she was taken out. She descended handsomely & had that property of a good launch that she did exactly as the Carpenter's intended in all her movements.

23. This day Mr. E. H. Derby's outhouse had a second remove. Capt. N. Silsbee moved it, after he purchased it, to the S. E. corner of Daniel's St. upon Derby street & this day it finished its journey to Pleasant street back of his new Brick house. Below it I found the masons building a Brick Wall around the place of interment of Mr. Briggs, Ropemaker, aet. 45, who gave orders for his interment on this spot. At the same time the School house was moved from the Corner where the Elm tree stood on Andrews' corner of his lot, bought of Gardner, who bought of Gibney, upon the

lot at the N. W. corner of the Washington Square. The Streets are much injured & obstructed by these heavy bodies passing over them.

24. Jonathan Cogswell, Esqr. aet. 79, who died this week was an officer in the war of the Revolution & lived in Chebacco, now Essex, formerly Ipswich. He was of the State convention that adopted the federal constitution & often in the Legislature from Ipswich. He was a man that had a full share of the public confidence. Nicholas Bartlet, aet. 70, has left but one officer on the pension List at Marblehead who is Edward Homan, aet. 84, & who was a Lieutenant with my friend Selman. Bartlet was in the Hancock, a Lt. with S. Tucker in May, 1776, & returned Feb. 1777. He then went in a Brig to France for stores & returned. He sailed in Feb. & returned in July. He then commanded the armed Brig America & took an enemy's cruiser. He then commanded the armed Brig Gen. Glover, was taken & carried into England. He escaped to Holland & in Holland, 6 June 1780 was first Lieut. in the Frigate South Carolina with Commodore Alexander Gillon, & continued cruising till 27 Sept. 1781. After the peace he was in the Merchant service a year & then engaged in Commerce at home. The British adjudication impoverished him & in the past year he had a pension in good reputation & enjoying the friendship of our good patriots.

25. Sunday. Note. Eliz. Ledbetter, death of her husband Daniel Ledbetter, in Batavia, Java. She a Tuttle, g. d. of Mr. Frye. Have one child, Daniel, aet. 15 months.

26. Last Saturday died Dr. W. Stearns, aet. 65. I prepared an account of him as his Father had a farm bounding on one belonging to my G. F. Paine, & the Dr. had been known to me from his infancy. Dr. W. S. grad. at Camb. 1776, afterwards came to Salem & married a d. of Joseph Sprague, Esqr. known as Major from his rank in the Militia, one of the Civil Officers in the County in 1790 & died in 1808 & was in the Legislature in 1803 & came to Salem from Medford. Dr. Stearns was born in Charlestown, has held all town Offices of trust & was Rep. in 1805, 6, 7. He began as an Apothecary & soon extended his mercantile transactions. Built one of the first large brick stores opp. to the Old Church, was very active in opening the turnpike to Boston, was distinguished by his Hospitality, gave a powerful example in his attention to Gen. Eaton, was an indulgent father, good husband, kind to his kindred, sagacious in business & a good patriot. He had a fever from which he seemed to recover, but a disease in the throat destroyed him.

29. The superstitious fears which had accompanied a tale of a man buried alive induced Dr. Stearns to request he might not be buried immediately & the body has been kept for interment the unknown time of four days. To complete the folly of these fears against the common sense of his neighbours the children have not

sealed the tomb, but ordered guards till the seventh day is over. I saw the sexton with his lanthorn, rum jug & blanket going to the place of his guard. A thing I never knew or heard of in New England before. The Coffin was in the form of my first days. Not with a lid but a place cut over the face, with a shutter. The use of glass over it I do not recollect, tho not now uncommon. The Dr. has been under his screws these five days. He has a wonderful family.

30. The Guard continues & many go to see the strange sight of guarding the dead. Mr. Upton told me of a triple crop he had upon a piece of land in Pickman's farm in south field. I do not recollect the quantity upon an acre thus treated. He first sowed radishes, then turneps & then onions, & had a plentiful crop of each in one season.

May 1, 1819. A fine morning & worthy of a May day. But I was glad to observe that the superstitious observance was less than formerly. I could wish better proof that the cause was conviction & not the indolence of the public manners.

2. Sunday. Waterman, ejected from Barnstable, has been supported for some time at Ipswich, by Dr. Manning & has applied for a place in a School at Salem.

4. Our annual Military day. We have double the military companies which were here when I came in 1783. We have Cadets, Light Infantry, Mechanic L. Infantry, & Artillery. We have not a Buffington in the Artillery, or Abbot in the Cadets, or Fiske at the head of Militia. We have men of more military science, but not men of more military ambition. We only saw the independent companies in the parade in the morning & for a very short time.

5. Visited the Endicott farm. Saw the Endicott tree for the first time since it was inclosed, and heard for the first time of the conversation about rendering the settlement upon it & near it an incorporation under the name of Endicott. Saw the new Mill at Waters' alias Cow house, erected for boring Aqueduct & other logs. The logs moving to the borers, the work now on hand. The mills might employ many hands at the three bridges & increase the settlement rapidly. The road to South Danvers is convenient in going to Boston & westward & begins at the South Bridge. The Bridge at Porter's or Spite Bridge, opens favourably to the eastward & the middle Bridge at Duck river, long known as Hutchinson's mills, might be much changed for the better & has formerly admitted more mills than now move upon it. All the roads around this settlement called New Mills are much better in a few past years. Mr. Archelaus Ray who married D. Woodbridge, succeeds Mr. Osgood this year in the charge of the Iron Factory at Water's Bridge & its dependencies at the north or Porter's bridge. Mr. A. Ray had the direction last year at the Amesbury Mills when I visited them, but from his wishes to accomodate his family he has requested the changed situations.

6. Thursday died Thomas Hartshorne, Esqr. aet. 77. He came to Salem from Reading after the peace. Was in the war, a Capt. in Michael Jackson's regiment. Has been a weigher & gauger in the Customs. After Deacons Hunt & Beckford left the First Church by death, he succeeded as Deacon, much respected. The ruling Elder, Ebenezer Bickford, Esqr. had a good opinion of him, & he has behaved very discretely. The sects have generally put into the office, busy & officious men & given it a disreputation, but the succession in this Church, since I have known Salem, has been with just fame. The present Deacon, John Stone, is son of the venerable Eliab Stone of North Reading, aged 80, & is married into the family of Israel Dodge. Before the election of Dr. Stone, Capt. John Gardiner often officiated with the Deacons.

7. A letter from my Nephew conveyed to me the last charges relative to my Father. It seems that upon the contract for 3 D. pr. Week the balance was in my favour. But by small charges of cotton caps, woolen caps, shirts, flannel waist coats, the balance appeared against me. The charge for a Doctor in regard to a man never sick, is probably a compliment to the profession. The Funeral Charges far exceeded anything paid in Salem, as Administrators tell me. Including the Doctor's Bill & it does not say whether for one or more visits & medicines, the whole is 40 Dollars. Doctor for 5 D., Coffin, 8.50, Grave Clothes, 6.75, making them, &c., 4.75. Digging grave, 3 D., Spirits, & assistance 12.25. Now my nephew speaking of the funeral ceremonies by direction of D. C[hild] says six very respectable men supported the pall & eight more carried the bier, one office it seems, according to the customs of the place, is as honourable as the other. All must then have gone for the liquor. Br. C[hild] thinks his wife has had a hard time last winter & I say so too, but I have had a hard time for 30 years & at last am cheated with the whole family out of every farthing of the estate. I told him I had done everything for the living. A Child was at the funeral who turned him adrift 100 miles from home, knowingly & with consent to get his interest & now holds the house by sacrificing the other. Another, not a D. but a S., was at the funeral that has not visited him or assisted him for many a year. I was not at the funeral not having the usual ceremonies in my public character by the Incumbent, a Cambridge Doctor without any claims in his profession or the world. As he left me, tho I called upon him, & never told me he should leave town next morning, I thought myself obliged to be in no danger from his ignorance or his insolence.

9. Sunday. Note. Wid. Mary Blanchard, d. of her child. She has children left. Buried a child Nov. 1817, & her husband June, 1818. An Adams of Beverly. The Branch, Tabernacle & South M. H. have a Sunday Lecture together in the evening. The Baptists are quiet. Few dippings in any part of the town. The Epis-

copal church exists from the wealth of the Incumbent by marriage. But the neighbouring churches are not supplied. The Converts are chiefly from the Town & P. taxes. We have no assembly of Methodists yet.

12. Our friend William Breed, son of Nehemiah, aet. 60, was buried last first day from the Friends Meeting at Lynn. For more than half my life I have every year visited him at Nahant. I have many records of the pleasure from the simplicity, hearty welcome & sure accomodation I found. He always had a feeble constitution, which was oppressed with painful evils, & this state of health induced him to leave Nahant year before last. A new house has been built on the farm & he had a pleasant house in the town. The sudden loss of a daughter, the first youth that had died in Nahant was oppressive. He left a Widow & leaves sons, named Nehemiah & Daniel. It was the fashion of the antient families to resort to Nahant not in the present manner of party's of pleasure for the visit of a day, but by a kind of removal for a week or a given term in which the whole family had an interest. The last at which I was present was of the Fanueil family, 28 July 1787. The Seat at Cambridge was left to the farmers & the Father, Mother & all the children with the domestics spent a week at Nahant. It was at the house of Mr. Breed, but the Father Nehemiah was then living. We also lodged frequently. The last time I lodged at Nahant was October 6, 1790. When the smaller parties became more frequent & the bridges made an access to Nahant easy to every traveller, an entire change took place. Friend Hood opened a public house. Another was built in style at the western head, burnt & rebuilt, but not so much visited from its less favourable situation for land or water. When I visited Nahant first, Breed's was the only house of consequence. Hood rebuilt, & a small Johnson house stood at the head of the lane. These were all the houses. Breed was then called Governour. They have now more houses, more company, less distinctions, & more luxuries. The simplicity & diet of former times is no more.

13. Last night died Col. Benjamin Pickman, son of the eminent merchant of Salem, who in his day gave a high reputation to our Commerce, aet. 78, 9. He graduated at Cambridge in 1759, the year in which I was born. He was a gentleman of uncommon suavity of manners, most excellent disposition, & always ready for all the offices which polite manners & the most sure hospitality can direct. No person received more friends & engaged more friendly recollections. Before the revolution he had been Col. in the Militia of Salem, & was one of the Justices of Essex. He married Mary, d. of Bezaliel Tappan, first a Physician then a Merchant of Salem, & she died on 28 April 1817, aet. 75. My first acquaintance began in 1781 during his absence in England, while his son B. was at Cambridge who graduated in 1784 & has succeeded him in his



BENJAMIN PICKMAN.

1740-1819.

From a wax bas-relief in the possession of the Essex Institute.

military & civil honours. While Gov. Gage was in Salem, Col. P. had been taught to distrust all the consequences of the revolution, & retired to London among the many correspondents of the family, with his Brother in law Col. Frye & several of his neighbours. It was however observed that he always discovered that he was overruled by his fears & not by any enmities he had expressed before he left America or was absent from it. All our prisoners acknowledged endless obligations to his favour & bounty. He kept a constant correspondence with his family & his wife endowed with the best talents & the utmost discretion united to ingenuous firmness, possessed the best affections & the most zealous attachments of all the inhabitants of Salem. Her high reputation & unrivalled excellence united with his own distinguished civilities & polite manners to render his return easy to him after the peace without insult or reproach. In his absence I knew the family & I continued my attachment after his return, and amidst all the bitterness of party rage I never felt the least diminution of respect & confidence. At the death of his wife he gave me a rich mourning ring which has the highest value in my esteem & is among the richest of my cabinet. The Col., for that is the name by which he is known, after his return suffered much by British adjudication. For tho he had no visible commerce yet he was deeply engaged at the insurance offices & had a high reputation for honourable & punctual conduct in his business. After the marriage of his eldest son Benjamin to a daughter of E. H. Derby, son of Richard, he relinquished his Father's Mansion House in Essex opposite to St. Peter's Street & took the Mansion of his wife's Father Dr. Tappan in Essex above Summer Street. In his leisure he was affable with all our citizens & marked with particular respect. He had a most intimate knowledge of their family, kindred & employments, & no man known to myself had a more exact knowledge of our Am. Genealogy in all parts of the Union. Every graduate of Cambridge was known in his full history whether he was yet living or not & Mr. W. Winthrop of Cambridge who had made many enquiries & faithfully recorded them valued highly this correspondence. Till the close of life he retained his suavity of manners, his inquisitive but unoffending temper, his power to recommend himself & to retain in his friendship every man with whom he had ever conversed. We everywhere observed he was treated with reverence & all our citizens coveted the opportunities to give him pleasure. He had an excellent person & everything to endear an acquaintance. He had a dignity which he never lost & a freedom that never lessened his influence. He became more emaciated in his last years & was more feeble, went abroad less. For a month kept at home. For a week was confined to his bed & silently, without pain or anguish, slept in death. He left two sons, Wm. M. in Boston, unmarried. His d. married Isaac Osgood of Andover.

14. In the election, a singular occurrence. Marblehead has sent a man of the high party for the first time in twenty years. It seems some domestic jealousies had divided them into three interests. We find John Prince high on one list, the old party had Capt. Bayley, or any man of the primitive sort, & Hooper in the other. Hooper has been in & out in town offices, with some invitation & is in favour with the leading merchants of the place. In this way when the elections are not attended this change has taken place & the effect is incalculable, from the state of parties.

16. Sunday. Note. Mary Elkins & Children, for her dangerously sick. With her I lived from May, 1783 when I first preached in Salem till I removed to H. Crowninshield's in March, 1791.

17. Enquiry respecting the Hay Scales. I shewed the petition of Oct. 1788 & the establishment on the Common in July, 1789. The question is did the Scales stand in the intermediate space of time near the landing at the Bridge at North Point, or Essex Bridge?

Rachel, wife of Edw. Lang, who died aged 74 was a Sister of my Deacon Benjamin Ward & is the last of the family. Her husband was a silver smith & then a School master. His removal caused complaint, but he has been since in the Essex Bank, a Clerk. His only Son married a Hiller & has for years lived apart from his wife. One daughter has married a Richardson, merchant in Salem. Mrs. Harthorne, another sister of the now deceased, has been dead sometime. The father & mother were both living after my time & well known to me. The Children baptised in the East M. House. The mother was a Sister to the old Col. Pickman.

Dinah, Widow of Jack Deland alias John Black, was married to him July, 1807 under the name of Dinah Gard, & has lately died aet. 80. She was a fine tempered, faithful & industrious black woman & had favour in all the families in which she had been employed. As her husband had his first wife the black servant of the family in which I live, all her concerns became better known to me. She kept the house of Primus Manning a worthy free black, while he lived & died in the house of John Black near the old market below Market street & the old burying ground.

18. Died Mary, widow of Henry Elkins. She was a daughter of John & Anstis Crowninshield & was baptised Oct. 12, 1740. She was sister to Capt. George Crowninshield & Sister to the wife of Elias Haskett Derby, a late eminent merchant of Salem. She was the last of the family. She married Henry Elkins, 23 Sept. 1760, who died before 1783 & left her with three Children of whom two survive her, a son & daughter. The son Henry Elkins, Esqr. married Priscilla Mason in 1783, & her daughter Mary married Andrew Sleuman, Oct. 10, 1786. By him she had two children, a son & daughter, Andrew & Mary still living. After the death of Capt. Andrew Sleuman, the widow married Sept. 14, 1806, Joseph Winn,

with whom she now lives but has no children by him. He had many when she married him. Henry, the son, has one daughter, Harriet, his only child. The condition of Mary was less opulent than of her Sisters, in that period in which I knew her when Sara Gibaut & Elizabeth Derby were living, & she had no disguise in her temper & would sometimes utter her complaints. She was however a vigorous woman, in better health than any of them & survived them all. Her children had most amiable tempers. Having been a Widow she did not fail to profit from the bounty of her friends & she did not readily expend what was given her. She was a friendly, firm, undisguised woman. Incapable of wrong, she was perhaps too importunate among her friends, but incapable of artifice or deception. She wanted nothing but independence to have given her as high claims as any of her family & to those who were strangers to the domestic jealousies she always appeared an open, friendly & worthy woman. She was at meeting on the Sunday but one before she died & abroad in the week. Her struggle was great, the disease being in the chest, & being suffocated by the phlegm which had collected.

This day I was at a Vendue where I received from the family of Appleton a settle which was formerly in the family of Dr. Appleton. Dr. Holyoke, now living aet. 91, & son of President Holyoke, near neighbour to Dr. Appleton at Cambridge, recollects the Settle for 80 years, & it is an antient part of the furniture of the family at Ipswich. It is not far from the form of those now used in our houses being stuffed in the back & seat as our Settees & Sophias are only open between the seat & Back. It appears to be worn, but not the parts separated. The flowers are raised upon the ground not unlike our carpets. It is 5 feet long & 4 high & above 2 feet wide, in the frame. It has six feet, two in the middle, strongly framed together with rounds across & in front. The work is nowhere depressed by use but has its proper swell in the back & seat & it is nowhere rent or injured by the want of any part. The sacking in the back & under the seat is sound. I was not a little pleased with the possession & I found no rival claims. All were willing honourably to dispose of to a friend of the family what they feared to destroy & dared not disgrace.*

20. Buried my former Landlady Wid. Mark Elkins, aet. 79. The procession was very numerous & respectful. The two young men buried this week, S. Cloutman & J. Becket, were both lately from sea & young men of good reputation. They had been sick abroad but died very unexpectedly at home after their arrival. We have buried several aged persons lately.

21. A Letter from W. Micklefield respecting his aged father, lately deceased, with a present of 2 silver buttons with a Cock upon the face in reference to his favorite amusement. The buttons are

* A similar sofa is preserved in the Museum of the Essex Institute. 1

flat & 8-10 of an inch in diameter. Underneath is written John Mickleford, Ipswich, Eng. ob. in Salem, N. A. May 10, 1819, aet. 80 years. He was born at Bradford, not far from Ipswich, left young. Was early in the service of London market, then a Barber, then a Sawyer & Deal Merchant or Lumber Merchant. Very fond of English amusements, especially cock fighting. W. went to London in 1791, aet. 18. In 1794. left for America, arrived at Boston 4 July. Engaged with David Tuck in Tobacco manufactory, came to Marblehead in 1802. In 1809 his father arrived in Boston, came next day 3 Oct. to Marblehead. In 1815 he went on foot to Roxbury to see a cock fight & was disappointed. Took a cold in 1817, Oct. & a Consumption ensued. The Buttons he valued & had owned them thirty years. A most pertinacious habit for his favorite amusement. The Cock is with long spurs & in the position for an engagement.

22. This day was at Samuel Gerrish's, the father of the late Francis Gerrish, to see the library & cabinet of that ingenious young man. He had been long absent from Salem & had returned just before he died Ap. 16, to engage in the practice of Physic at home, after having had a medical degree & having been in the service of the United States in the Navy. He has left a Library which in his professional books & classical studies is honourable to his taste. He had many fish taken on the Mediterranean, varnished for preservation by his own care. In Italy he had made a collection of Coins & Minerals & curiosities & had provided many prints which [were] offered to him in that Country. Upon the whole the proofs of his care & judgment entitle him to the praise which all who knew him bestow, of a man as discreet in life as he was of judgment in the works of art & literature. He died at 26 years of age. The Father lent me a copy of the Genealogical table in this Country, antient & honourable.

23. Sunday. Notes. Henry Elkins & wife & only child their D. Harriet, death of his Mother. Joseph Winn & wife, d. of her Mother, pr. for a son at sea. Mary was with us & first married a Sleuman. An amiable woman. She has two children. Her Son infirm. Second wife to Mr. W. Widow Mary Becket, d. of her g. son James Becket. She is above 90 years of age and in the vigour of her powers. Has had some transient derangements but is now in health. She a Murray. The partial derangement has been felt in some of her posterity. Betsey Goss, d. of her brother James Becket & pr. for her husband at sea.

Yesterday I was for the first time with the Trustees of the Female School, Marlborough st. near the Tabernacle. The Instructor is Mr. Cole. The pupils limited to 30. It was my business to address & to assist in devotional exercises. It is the first time that ever in a public school I saw young Ladies answering questions in Geometry, Nat. Philosophy & in Latin. John Pickering & Mr. Peirce

were the deputation on the occasion. I complied in the same service last year in the School for young Masters in the south west part of the town near Broad st. The School which stood upon the corner of Brown street & Newbury St. is removed to the Williams ground nearly opp. Newbury st. on Brown st. for the purpose of another Female School. It is now fitted up in a good style & the master is appointed. I know not how far this is a competition or by whom projected, but suspect the Story influence. Competition is disowned.

The contributions of females to make their ministers members of Bible Societies for life had a wonderful currency. Last year when nearly run out it produced 6 th. dollars. The scheme is renewed in being members of the Education society but this proceeds more slowly.

24. Went with Mr. Truvater to see the excavation where he found an Indian grave. He insists that the stones were faced inwardly in an oval figure of 10 by 4 feet or thereabouts, that upon removing the sod he found the ground yielding as if a well had been there. He found & shewed to me part of a thigh bone of a tibia & fibula & two teeth. He found together fragments of the black thick Dutch glass of which their layer bottles are made, with fragments also of Dutch Delft ware figured for bowls, also earthen pipes of the white class small. He found nails of different sizes some of which had perished wood around them & besides a bolt, square at the head & flattened towards its point. He found also in company with Mr. Jelly, a Dutch spoon of brass with an expanding bowl & shallow & a square head to the shaft of it. All these I saw. The stones had been all displaced as the place was opened to bury a Cow from the farm. The place was on a rise of ground forming a head & the place on the slope of the south side probably much changed in its appearance in regard to the Cove on which it lies on the northwest side of the Island called Winter Island much used by our first settlers. I gave an account to the Essex Register. The work as he represented was better than Indians make of stone & much beyond what the first settlers made whose cellars were built as their farm walls. But no question from the Delft & glass about the time of the settlement of America. We have found Indian graves at every point on our shores, but with Indian tools only & not with iron or any European manufacture. This Indian must have been buried about the time of the Plymouth settlement which came from Holland about the time of Conant's arrival, as he had exactly such things as I have seen with them. They might have assisted & have attempted to bury in the form of the Dutch Houses. The foot of a post was found in the bottom of the deposit, of fir or the pine family.

25. Our Commerce promises nothing from the East Indies & the great voyages will not be made which have given us such great

prosperity in Salem. Many of our friends are content with the West Indies, South America & even a few coasting adventures. Endless reports are about the banks & failures are the alarm of the day. We have an influx of bank money & something to check its circulation & change it every day. The one pr. cent upon the best of foreign money is thought a necessary caution of safety. Other failures come of course. Several lately in Boston & several are expected soon. We are told we shall build no more ships this season & probably few houses.

26. Election day. This day I went to Boston. In the Stage with some Salem members was an Upton who married a Pierce, removed to Maine & is now in the house of Representatives. He is a jealous friend of the seperation. At Boston I went to the Book store of my nephew & thence to the gallery of the fine arts & the Museum adjoining. I was there just long enough to see nothing. From the public rooms I went towards the Meeting House & entered & heard the prayer & text & being more conveniently situated to get out than to hear, I retired & went with my nephew to dine at his Father's who did us the honor to dine somewhere else without any other apology than his wife without his knowledge was pleased to make for him. My nephew seemed to make a slight dinner. His wife saw nothing & the father was honourable for he gave no invitation & made no excuses. I did not tarry for the night. In the evening stage I returned. Dr. Webster gave me a ticket for the dinner which Mr. Greenwood at the Gallery of the fine arts assured me was to be served up on Thursday in that apartment. This Dinner for several years has been given by the members of the Congregational societies & the cost is divided among them but in such a way as not to be oppressive. The ministers formerly received their brethren at their own houses, but this did not afford that general intercourse which such an occasion required. We are indebted to the hospitality of Boston for this arrangement.

27. Several of our friends have lately returned from Siam. Voyages have been made before, but the enterprising spirit of our Countrymen will search everywhere for commerce. They are cautious in relating their first adventures, as Commerce they think overdone by the many who embark to every port in which voyages are successful. From the South Sea I had this day a tooth of the Spermaceti Whale, & the eyes of the Squid. From Siam, the mandible of the Pelican & from Africa, the horn of the Unicorn Rhinoceros.

28. Gen. John Mason was with us & dined with our Member of Congress, Mr. Silsbee. He was affable & as highly recommended by Mr. S. He assures us that Gen. M. has high favour with the President & it was his son who accompanied the President in his northern tour, tho not with the same favour the father received. Capt. Barnard accompanied him, son in law of Capt. Mackey whom I well

knew at the north end of Boston. Gen. Mason's visit was short as he left us after dinner. Capt. Barnard leaves soon for Europe, having lately lost his wife & being out of health. He tells me he boards with Col. Tudor, &c. We had much conversation about our friends at Washington.

30. Sunday. Note. John Dodge & wife, d. of their youngest child, a child of good hopes. Last Friday Mr. Abbot of the North Cong. M. House reached Salem. He had been abroad in Havanna in Cuba with hopes of recovery from severe & long sickness, which has detained him 19 months from his pulpit. He found not in Cuba the aid he sought & sailed for Charleston, S. C. & was in that City severely indisposed. Notice was sent to his friends & he was determined to attempt a return homeward, & to adventure by water as far as Philadelphia, & there he was received by his friends from Salem. From that City he has passed by land to Salem, but no hopes are indulged of his recovery.

31. All the buildings last week were removed from the lot near the Tabernacle into Northfields [to] the buildings employed by Secomb & company under Mr. Hunt in the Vitriol & other works. This day the buildings were prepared for their new situation. The failure of Seccomb & Williams has apparently transferred the works to a Company incorporated for the purpose. Seccomb continues in a kind of agency in his former possessions according to some other examples of adjustment under our times. It is said the works will proceed extensively.

June 1, 1819. I dined with the Overseers at the Charity house. The Farm looks well for the season. For the first time a Vessel was at the wharf. She brings wood to the house. The Irish who found quarters in winter have passed to Boston for work, so many as were best able to work [so] that the labour is diminished. The Caps of the Wharf on the eastern side are laid, double timbered with piles without against the face of the wharf & braces within. The work is done chiefly by subjects of the house. The Hospital ground is ploughed & planted. The southern side of Spring cove is planted also. These are new grounds.

2. A Hail Storm this day very destructive to our window glass, from S.S.W. It did not rain long, before the hail began to descend which it did in gusts, but not with a very high wind & so it continued ten minutes & in this time destroyed much glass, tho not in the same quantity as in Aug. 1, 1815. We escaped in our tenements having no westerly exposure. Entering the town on its southern side it spent its fury along Norman street across Essex street over the Common & into the sea, without doing much harm on the north side of the town, in Federal street or Bridge street. The Old Meeting lost much glass on the south side & so did St. Peter's, but the East Meeting House was not touched, nor the North Meeting so much as the center houses. It was not at Mar-

blehead. We have heard of it in Lynn west of us, but at no other place. The time about half after six P. M. & at the exact time of high water.

3. Yesterday was taken at Beverly Bridge, a Sea Turtle wt. 207 lbs. & even supposed not taken at his full weight. It is a West India turtle & it is not easy to imagine how he got into that situation. It was sold for 10 dollars by the Captors & was this morning taken to Boston for a better market or a higher price than Salem would pay. This evening buried the only d. & child of Gen. Hovey. He had left my congregation from the attachment to party. The Letter. Dear Sir, Jun. 2. Our dear departed Rebecca was baptised by you. Will you please to accept of a pair of gloves, & if convenient we wish you to attend the interment tomorrow at 4 P. M. and walk with our good friend Mrs. Dunlap. Very respectfully yours, Amos Hovey. Aunt Stivers died this day aet. 70.

6. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Elizabeth Thomas, very sick. She was received into Communion. The people love a religion which will assist their bodily wants. She was a Stileman & her husband left her long since with her children. Her virtues are stern, but she is a firm woman. She has been long on our List of the Congregation. She is now on the List of the Church for help.

Anna Allen, only surviving child of Gen. Fiske, d. of his sister Stivers. Her Husband from a transaction in his business long since was obliged to withdraw after he had obliged her to alienate her patrimony. Aunt Stivers, aet. 70, has lived on the bounty of friends. E. Putnam who married a d. of Gen. F. is retired by his misconduct & declared that Gen. F. ordered the return of the Church Book which I saved from destruction & John Pickering insisted upon this testimony. Aunt Stivers lived but a little while with her husband. Was a woman of rude deportment & died in great obscurity. The family of Edw. Allen is sinking fast. One of the Sisters is sick. Mrs. Porter's son sick & such evils, &c. Mrs. Allen lives in the Woodberry house opposite to the elegant mansion of her Father. Mr. P. lives in the Lemond House near Northey St. which remains to his children.

8. The Front of the Custom House is finished & also the three New Houses on the Common. The South Fields New School House is under contracts. Commerce everywhere has its fears. Salem seems disposed to seek its safety in its old habits of Economy. We shall have a better share in the fishery. And if our East India trade does not continue, we can divide it into smaller portions again & employ more men & go to the West Indies & to the new ports of South America. We have engaged in Whaling & oil fishery & have several vessels in the western Ocean. The Sea serpent so much laughed at, has appeared again. Seen off Race point, 1 June, & off Cohasset. We hope that Gloucester will have an opportunity to turn the laugh upon unbelievers.

9. This day was launched at Hawkes' yard the Brig Homer, built for the Danes in Beverly. She was well delivered but did not find water enough to float at her delivery. She is built for a Carrier, is strong & copper bottomed to her bends.

10. Great families descend. We have a Dr. O. who appraising books he could not read, detained a book from a purchaser because he was afraid it was to be sold under price at his own valuation & kept the owner & purchaser in suspense, till he could find the real value, & then the purchaser disappeared. Happy is he who has little to do with Coxcombs in Literature. The man has no practice say his friends, because he will not condescend.

12. This day died Elizabeth, wife of W. Lane. A beautiful woman at her marriage. Capt. Joseph Waters has a son settled at Port Gibson on the Mississippi, who is doing well in his profession as an Attorney. He has the form & habits of his G. F. Dean who was a venerable man. He has been received with great favour at the bar in the Mississippi territory. As Librarian at that place he has given us several papers signed Mentor. He studied law in Salem under Hon. J. Pickering. He carries with him good habits. It is believed that he has addressed a daughter of Penn Townsend of this Town. He reports good health & has no inclination to indolence or dissipation.

15. The stagnation of Commerce everywhere has given occasion to the endless complaints of the people. In seaports never less to do at home they say & abroad the markets are overstocked, or in other words the people are not prepared for the slow gains of a general peace, which are so different from the profusion of rich prizes, irregular markets & opportunities from public miseries in foreign nations. The influx of strangers of the indolent sort has made a great change in the condition of those who work only at the necessity of the moment, who are less able to relieve themselves at pleasure. And the rich think large capitals ill risked at uncertain markets.

17. We had a military exhibition on this Anniversary of the Battle. The Regiment was out in the afternoon & two Volunteer Companies, Light Inf. & Mech. L. Inf. Such days have a kind effect on the public spirits. It was an uncommonly warm day & yet it had few excesses. We were in perfect quiet at nine & the troops did not leave the parade till eight. The almost total stagnation induced all our small shops to supply tents, but the common articles were ginger bread & table beer, made in private families from hops, molasses & a few roots & with little danger from a too high fermentation. It involves no great expence in the preparation or the purchase & both parties seemed content. A markee for company was on the parade, but the military style was not the highest. We were in good humour & the company assembled was great.

18. Yesterday a Brig from Waterford, Ireland, put in for supplies. She has 120 passengers & is bound to St. John's, New Brunswick. Several persons were landed at the hospital. They had been for some time fed upon potatoes. The spirit of emigration continues. The temper of Europe is disturbed & many retire who have very scanty provisions for a new country being almost altogether on the charity of the world. The greater part of the Irish in our Charity House last winter have left it & have gone in search of work. These are not of the sober class generally. Such as are sober may promise themselves ample success.

19. The Irish passengers accommodated on Winter Island, partly in 12 tents & partly at the store on Winter Island wharf. At the Hospital, 24 accommodated, but only one, a youth, sick. A guard is placed to prevent any intercourse with the inhabitants.

20. Sunday. Notes. W. Lane & children & Brother & Sister, d. of his wife & for a friend abroad. She was a Brown & left 8 children, 3 males, & has one sister, wife of Adam Welman. Her husband has many sisters who have been & are in married life. Robert Hill & wife, death of her Sister. Her Sister was a Goodale of Danvers & married a Mr. Hodges of Taunton where she died aet. 25, leaving 4 small children. Her name Mehitable. The mother & part of the family live in Milton. Mr. Hill is a g. son of James Collins of Salem.

21. The Irish emigrants are still detained as under quarantine. The intercourse of the inhabitants is interdicted. They complain of hard treatment from the Captain, but their general health & the loss of only three very young children speak that they were unacquainted with the restraints & the irksomeness incident to ship-board than any real injuries they received. It is said they refuse to finish the voyage with him, that they blame his entrance into any port but of New York, while the Vessel was cleared for a British Colony, & they required him to stop for supplies. Upon the whole it is a novel sight with us tho the general appearance is in favour of the Emigrants.

22. I have now finished sixty years of life. Was in the U. S. boat in the harbour & offing. Found the emigrants fishing at every rock & the women busy at their washings. All seemed to be busy. Our Essex Bank Incorporation, which ends in July, have chosen new directors. They have been severe upon each other. Suspicion has long been silent & tho some of the directors are beyond blame, yet others are of less sacred authority. The Foster heirs claim their 40 th. D. Deposit. They will not accept ballast stones for their doubloons. The subscribers are disposed to make their richer members pay the loss. The President declined his office repeatedly & undertook not to be obliged to issue any money in his signature. But the offenders had kindred & associates in the board. To whomsoever it may extend it was one of the most

deliberate, persevering & complete frauds that ever was in any country accomplished. And among a people distinguished by their close attention, we might almost say avarice, in money matters. The business when it becomes a public investigation threatens great divisions & warm contentions.

25. Yesterday the Irish emigrants were allowed to enter the town. They pretend that the terms of the voyage have not been fulfilled & have applied to the Magistrate. They, also, or rather some, insisted upon living in the Vessel at the wharf or lodging last night in her. These occurrences are not much in their favour. We know not the terms, but if the Captain did intend for British Colonies & did change to please them he is not so much to be blamed as they think or say. The fact is in his favour he brought all the adults in health to the U. S. A. It is said that he refuses to have any further concern with them. They are not all in the class of paupers, but a short time will inform us of their true situation. They have been kindly accommodated in town for the present.

27. Sunday. The death of Theodore Fisher, aet. 30, in the past week has some painful recollections. He was the only surviving child of the Revd. Nath. Fisher of St. Peter's Church. He had much in his manners & talents to recommend him & some of his paintings will remain as a proof to posterity of the best expectations. But an unconquerable habit of intemperance proved fatal to him. How far he derived it from his parents we have not to say. The Mother may expect to be a speedy victim. He left a wife, but his child died just before he did. Our ministers of the past are to be contrasted with the first generation. Higginson, Norris & Curwen left worthy posterity. Dr. Barnard had one son wretched. Hopkins, a son wretched. Prince has a young son wretched, one an idiot, the eldest in good standing. Nothing worse than Whitaker's race. Mr. Diman, a son A. M. but poor in capacity, & one son an idiot. Nothing like this in former generations.

28. The Irish here have made a contract for transportation to New York but on account of the demands of the police of that City the Contractor refuses to sail. He delays hoping to persuade or to get rid of trouble to oblige our Citizens to pay the money he asks, under the above pretence. The men were aboard but landed again. So that they are in the town still. They are catholics & generally of humble condition.

29. The Widow Crane who died in Salem lately aet. 76, was a Baker of Beverly & married a Hutcheson, Sibley & then Crane, three husbands. Left children by the two first husbands & buried from a daughter's.

July 1, 1819. One Lewis last night, from a frolick going up to strike his colours, fell from the mast head. This is a man of very bad habits in his family & society & of open intemperance. He was a good seaman.

2. Capt. John Carleton, son of Col. Samuel Carlton, & sailing master of the Ontario, who has been on the coast of Peru, brought me a skin of the Zorillo, distinguished by its soft fur.

5. The honours of yesterday are transferred to this day & the celebration was as Mr. Adams said when the Declaration of Independence was made, "by solemn acts of devotion, with pomp, shew, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, & illuminations from one end of the continent to the other." This history of it in Salem is singular. A reading Room called the Essex, has been opened in the Essex Bank Building. There are other rooms of the same kind in town. In this association A. Dunlap, a young lawyer of ambition, obtained a designation as the Orator. It was not supposed without address. The Cadets refused the honours of the day. The plan was then enlarged to a general invitation. No association accepted, but the Infantry Light Company accepted to escort. The North Church was obtained. We were promised a celebration without party. The elder Clergymen were put up to officiate. We made a company for dinner. The Meeting was crowded. We dined as we did, and it was pleasant day abroad & a day of universal hilarity & celebration. At Church we were in danger of losing our Choir, but a man who was a host was all we needed.

8. Yesterday I visited Nahant. I had not been so long absent from it since I first knew it. A greater change had taken place than I imagined. On the Great Nahant the houses had doubled since I first visited it & the three old ones had been so rebuilt or repaired as to leave no trace of their former appearance. Since I was last there Hood's house had porches & a new house south of it with a new disposition of the yard around it. Breed's house had been taken down last year & a new one rebuilt north west of the antient place. The pump stood in front of the former. It is now on the south east. The present house is a square wooden building. The former was formed of two buildings of one & an half upright stories. In the lane, Johnston's house had been enlarged and two large houses were on the eastern side of the lane, while that was still on the western. The outbuildings increased & enlarged. The School house is of stone, mostly built by the visitors from Boston. Stands on the height on the east of the lane leading to the houses & has an inclosed yard, a pleasant room well plastered and ornamented with two Ionic columns brought from Europe & fixed to the E. wall. In the building is a Library of several hundred volumes & of these a Catalog is kept with the names of the persons who gave them, and the list and books are respectable. The income of the Library is to purchase shade trees to be planted. Below Breed's house westward at the willows south of the Swamp are seats for company & a bowling green. The rest of the Island as before unless we may say a better cultivation. This year at this time appears in the greatest vigor of its fertility which gave to the cultivated lands a better ap-

pearance than before. Mr. Rice appeared to have a good company of able men employed by him & to have his agricultural concerns on a larger scale than I had before observed. I went with A. T. to Gloucester. We visited as usual the Swallow rock, the fishing rock over a small beach near it, the southern hill rocks, the Plum rock, natural bridge near it, the Boston Chimney rock for fishing & returned by Shallop cove & the Bason & dined at Rice's & after dinner returned by the Beaches at low tide to Salem.

9. Lt. Armstrong gave me a walking Cane said to be made out of the bottom plank of the old Ship Resolution in which Cooke went around the world. It has an ivory head & silver ring below it & silver at the holes through which a leather string is braided. It is coloured black & has a ferrel of brass, plugged with iron. Mr. Felsh, the Chaplain, warrants for the wood & the worm holes prove it from some ship or other. So I receive it.

11. Sunday. A d. of Mr. Giles of N. Port informed me that when her father was going for England he wished to carry credentials that he had been in good standing in America since he had been in it. His friend Mr. Prince applied to Dr. Spring with whom he had no professional intercourse as was the case in the churches in Newburyport, & Dr. Spring most readily gave what was asked in the most ample manner. So did the Preb. ministers & Episcopal. But upon application to the successor to the good Cary, he was refused, under the pretence of being of another denomination & doctrine. Mr. Cary introduced me in person to Mr. Giles as a Gentleman & of good reputation. Such is the practice of the same vices we condemn in others. Such the evils when men of narrow minds succeed to the generous & charitable. It is a most shameful anecdote & proves the faults in N. P. are not all on one side.

13. Great labour has been bestowed on Washington Square. The marsh at the N. E. corner which has been in the last degree offensive has been most effectually raised by a bed of stones covered with gravel. The walks within & the streets without have been gravelled with uncommon care. The corner where Newbury enters Brown street & where the great elm stood at Higginson's corner on Gedney's land has been raised several feet. The marsh was where Shallop Cove was & Mr. Higginson lived near the corner of Andrew's land, first Gedney, then Gardner's. The Bath street has been gravelled for the first time on the south side & Pleasant street for the first time has been rendered passable at all times near the entry of East street. The many new buildings have justified this care of this section of the town.

16. Burroughs buried his g. son W. very fearful of being buried at the workhouse. Wishing for the old ground, put into the new, without a man or any person of standing in the procession. On Wednesday the African association was at Boston. Our Mr. Williams went with Mr. Lawrence & wife she formerly Mrs. Minns,

our African School Mistress, all in style. Died in our neighbourhood John Dalrymple, Br. of James who married a Vincent. He came from Ireland & worked with his Br. James at watchmaking or rather cleaning. Married & went to Portland, lost his best habits, became poor & returned, has been here a short time & died. Yesterday we buried Burroughs from a family miserable from intemperance.

17. Lois, Wid. of Th. Barnard was an Orne, a woman who did not distinguish herself as the wife of a New England minister. Temper not mild, but prudent in her affairs & holding her money. She told the Dr. to collect every farthing of his salary. No children survive her.

18. Sunday. Notes. Rebecca, wife of John Dalrymple, d. of her husband. Brother & Sister, prayers. Giles Burroughs & wife & children, d. of g. son William B. Rachel, d. of her brother Wm.

20. On the Neck with a g. g. d. of the late W. Jennison, second pastor of our East Church, who resigned & retired to his native place Watertown. He married a Lendall from whose father we had our first piece of plate. The Dr., his Son, I knew & his g. son, a Physician now living in Cambridge. The father of this girl is an officiating minister & school master at Baton Rouge, & his family is at Boston. The family do not appear to have risen far above the early character of them in Salem.

21. I went for Andover with Ann, a d. of Capt. Brace, an invalid, but a girl pleasing to me. We left Salem after 7 A. M. & went up the road to Reading, north parish, Stone, & Putnam's. We stopped at Wid. Upton's house. She is dead & everything good belonging to the house at present. We did not wait for accommodations & put on. We were most kindly entertained at Ballard's. We carried two flasks of Florence Oil & a pot of essence of spruce to please our landlady & she in return loaded us with her cake & her rye flour bread, a luxury to us. There were the two Misses Hodges, S. Crowninshield, & a Dunlap boarding together in the hot months, & Mr. W. Silsbee with his children on a visit to his Sister in Law. After dinner Mr. Ballard lent us his horse to visit Mr. Symonds of Tewkesbury at the next mills on the same river, the Shawshin. Mr. Symonds was known to me when a Schoolmaster at Wilmington, & associated with Mr. Boardman, g. son of Lt. Gov. Phips & when in the Legislature from Tewkesbury. He has become intemperate & his house is most sadly out of repair. His wife is paralytic. He was gone to Deacon Clark's so that we returned without the sight of him. After Coffee at four we set out upon our return by the Academy & Institute & by the new Middleton road to Salem. We found this new road solitary but in good order & under late repairs. When we reached Easties, near Middleton Meeting House, we found a new Landlord, Batchelor, who very kindly instructed us respecting the new road passing the M. H. & over Danvers plains, & which

needs the finishing of a small part on the plains to make it a direct and pleasant way through north fields to Andover. We reached Salem at sundown, having spent a pleasant day. This day was the ordination of Cornelius at the Tabernacle in Salem.

25. Sunday. Note. James Dalrymple & wife, d. of his daughter Martha, aet. 5 years. This day we had the annual sermon of the Female Asylum. It has had 53 children female orphans without father or mother since its establishment in 17 years, & has 17 now in charge. It holds a house & supports itself by this annual begging. The preacher was Blatchford from the Branch. I refused part of the services, tho I attended & assisted the Charity. My reasons were that the sect have excluded Unitarian preachers. Mr. Bartlet of 2d Ch. Marblehead, with the double policy of Barnard, had joined the Association & had admitted the sect into his pulpit by exchange. They suffered things to go on till they had insinuated themselves into the favour of a few leading families. Then these families urged an exchange of pulpits in favour of the exclusive sect. Now was the opportunity to play Satan. B. urged, applied & was refused, but told if consent of others might be obtained, he might be indulged & he might apply again & he was simple enough to believe it. In short he was refused. Now this sect when they can get any opportunity in their favour, will suffer us to come, but when they think they have a sufficient hold, they exclude us. I am determined not to be taken by such miserable policy. Mr. Peabody, our richest merchant, expressed a just indignation at our entertainment. The poor creature told us unequivocally the true saints had their heaven for their charity, the benevolent otherwise had what they could find in this world, without anything to mar their benevolence in the next. In this public manner do these wretches insult the only men upon [whom] the charities of the town depend without a follower to assist the contribution, and thus gratify the malice & envy of the poor against the good men who maintain them, because to all their virtues they will not add credulity & blasphemy.

We hear of the death of Jemima Wilkinson, aet. 70. This extraordinary woman has been the minister of a most wretched fanaticism, but has died in all the consent to her whole character which may certify to the truth of her complete delusion. She took leave of her friends at the Universal with the utmost composure & met death with the calmness of the saint & the fullness of hope. The power of religious principle when it has full hold of the mind may be seen in our country as well as in the superstitions of the east & the sacrifices of the Jugernaut.

In compliance with the Asylum meeting at 5 in the North M. H., the Upper Houses had their services at two. We continued at the usual hour. We have an earlier bell for the Sunday School of the South, but it does not succeed. The Negro Meeting at night

sinks as it moves & goes heavily. These out of season times are now with the exclusive sect already without the intended effect. The Tabernacle will not long carry double. Spaulding never received 6 H. D. in their best days. They will not be able to fulfil their contracts at 12 H. D. without incidental Charges. The Branch is a contract in which the few are bound for the many. And in the South the House would not sell for the debts contracted in building it. No doubt these circumstances account for the uncommon irritability just at the present moment. We shall see how much better this than our Black School & the Negroes under Spaulding.

26. Joseph Lancaster, author of the new School, was introduced by letters from Dr. Waterhouse & in the evening I heard his first lecture, which I did not hear in Salem, at Beverly, having been taken over by Mr. Treadwell & entertained by Mr. Burleigh. He began on the arrangement of his School rooms, which he displayed. On the use of slates he had before used sand. On the monitors who could teach. On the use of tablets to save the expence of books, on the emulation he could excite, on the silence he could produce, on the energy he could preserve. The facts were very interesting & his method of illustration was the most happy to be conceived. He was about two hours. Mr. Adams, Ex. P, says I have heard from friend Lancaster with pleasure. He is an excellent scholastic & academical disciplinarian. He forms his companies into battalions, battalions into regiments, his regiments into brigades & teaches them all his tactics with a masterly skill as Frederick or Napoleon could have done & all this without a whip, ferule or box on the ear & all this by the simple action of that main spring of human nature, emulation. How much more honorable to poor human nature is this system than the old one of scolding, snarling, growling, boxing & whipping. I believe his itinerant "holding forth" will do more good than Whitefield's did 70 years ago. Thus J. Adams.

27. Mr. Lancaster dined with me. I found him the facetious & agreeable man & the ambition of his heart made everything pardonable in it. He was full of anecdotes, has seen much & was great in the point of his pursuits. He lectured in the evening upon Knowledge. He had his two hours with a large assembly. At his first Lecture he had 47 D., at Beverly, 13 D., at this lecture 44 D.

30. Capt. Chever, whose friends lived upon Nahant, says he well remembers when there were many of the Bass wood trees upon the western head of Nahant & a great number of Cherry trees near the houses on great Nahant, & I remember when many of the Junipers were upon the Little Nahant. As they propose to have trees planted he recommends the Bass wood as of known growth upon the Islands of our Coast.

August 1, 1819. Sunday. Notes. Mary Gilbert, d. of her d.

Martha, husband & friend absent. D. Martha aet. 5. She was a d. of Joseph Waters, Esqr. & married a Gilbert of Brookfield, a Lawyer. Joseph Waters & two d., death of his g. child at his house upon a visit from Brookfield. Cause dysentery, in a few days. Two Sons abroad. Joseph at Port Gibson, Mississippi, lawyer. The younger son at Sea. Mary married Mr. Gilbert (Daniel), May 4, 1806, and removed to Brookfield. There was a family affinity before the marriage. They have several children. A very promising child with a mind developing very early & happily.

2. The preparations having been made to cover anew the Town well at the S. W. part of Washington Square & to place the pumps within the line of the passway & to take the angle from the railing as at the other three corners. The Elm also being removed, with hopes of saving it, from the angle of the railing, this morning the pumping began with the two common pumps & the double pumps with a single break & it was freed in five hours. A mud sill was then laid & square split stones of two feet or more & so the work was left for that day employing perhaps a dozen hands & several Overseers.

3. Yesterday the Sea Serpent was seen off Marblehead. B. Stone at Marblehead Neck saw him near the Inner Pig rock at 7 A. M., about 2 h. yd. from the beach, resembling a row of porpoises. He viewed him from 7 to 11 A. M. A Mr. J. Hathaway of the Farms with him. They thought they saw 20 protuberances. Several at Marblehead at noon saw him off Tinker's Island with a glass. Length supposed 100 feet.

5. Friend Lancaster has given me much to do. The Overseers have construed my due treatment of my Guest into fear of him, and I have been obliged openly to justify myself. Beware of such invitations.

6. Went to Nahant with E. W's two grand daughters. We saw the Steam boat Eagle leave for Boston with sixty passengers. They sailed from the west side back of Breed's This boat has been used in this service during the season but this was the first time seen by me. Yesterday she carried a Naval party with the Gov. to Deer Island. We heard the firing as she passed the Ship. At Nahant we saw a large party of our best from Salem. I have been repeatedly requested to officiate on Sunday, to an audience probably of Boston hearers mostly at Nahant, & have been promised the publication of what I might write on the history of Nahant, as the scene of our social pleasures, particularly of the sports of the fowler, the fishermen & of the friends of our water parties.

7. Elizabeth Saunders who died in Salem this week aet. 82, was Wid. of Philip S. & named Easties.

8. Sunday. Note. Henry Elkins & wife, for their only Child in marriage, removed from them. Harriet has married a Major Cutler who is stationed at Sacket on Lake Ontario, as my girl

married a Lt. in the Navy to follow his fortunes. As an only & a fond child, Capt. E. must feel a great change. How much better to have our own son to take our d. by the hand. Most of the fortunes of Salem go to persons not born in Salem. I hope the citizens are willing to earn estates rather than spend those brought by the labour of others. The power to purchase will always be honourable & safe.

9. Great abundance of Mackerel & they have been sold at lowest prices. We expect bread will also be very cheap. The sudden caution in business against those who depend upon daily labour. Our merchants generally safe in their speculations & business. The Market does not prove so great a benefit as its friends expected. The School house out of view already as a subject of praise or blame at present. The Charity house has more winter than summer friends, hardly operative men enough for the Overseer's plans. The Wharf has all its caps finished & the new pig sty near the water has its stakes up. The most active labour around the Common. All its angles taken off, its walks gravelled & its roads well repaired.

10. Sea serpent stories again. Marblehead did not use the Hearse for grown persons from May 9 to Aug 6, such has been the health of that town, population 6 th. Gen. Appleton has moved from Sandy bay to Cape Ann harbour to keep a public house in that town. What would our fathers have said, who made a Major the highest officer & the Innholder the lowest.

11. I observed men cutting thatch upon the shore west side of Windmill point. Mr. Needham told he had given leave for the first time below his lot. The family said some person had before made a partial cutting once on the year before but never a general one. Before Northey street was open & Windmill point was a sand heap, I remember that the shore was impassable, being one continued bog. It has since become more passable & this year the growth of it for the first time was a temptation to the farmer who asked leave to mow it. The grass above a foot high throughout. What is called thatch is our common marsh grass which grows in the extensive marshes around us.

12. Yesterday Mr. Webb carried me with some young female friends from Skerry's to Bass river. We passed Ellingswood head, which is double, the higher at the entrance of the River. We found as many as ten landing places, like our short wharves, laid in timber & filled with earth. Several coves on the east side approach lower Beverly. The Mill is more northerly & the new Burleigh road, laid by that merchant from lower to upper Beverly, passes on the northern shore of these waters & a small bridge over the arm at the N. W. part going southerly. The mills now belong to Davis. Winthrop's head at the entrance of Bass river, has an agreeable flat now covered with corn, upon which

his salt works stood. We saw the females, not uncovered, enjoying the water of the cove & at the entrance, at some distance & out of sight of the females, the boys. At several of the wharves the farmers were landing the earth from the muscle beds for manure & not long since I saw their more expeditious way of cutting the long fucus* by scythes under water, by which they took more, in higher perfection, & more easily managed. I stood & saw them mow the whole channel from above Windmill point & round the Island down to Felt's wharf opposite to Skerry's point. This expedient has been suggested since the free use of compost & of sea wrack has been adopted & first practiced here this year. In the river where the surface seemed less ruffled it was imputed to the length of the sea grass & we actually took & brought home some of the ribband fucus measuring above 3 yards in length. We saw many of the farmers upon their thatch as they call the marsh grass, but every where the vegetation appeared in all its glory. I have reserved a most accurate view of the shore for the next visit, which Mr. Webb has promised to give me. We passed from Bass river up Porter's river to the Cove within Horse pasture point. We first sailed to the cove going westerly having a grove on the right through which Salem bounds pass & then opened the southern cove which communicates with Peter's Spring. Mr. Watson's buildings open before us & his lands lay along upon this inlet above the springs while the lands of the late Orne farm lay on the opposite side. Col. Harthorne & Gardner also came down it to the same side. It was at full tide, a pleasant bason of water. We then went to Waters' river, formerly Cow House, & saw three farm houses on the southern bank. Duck river is what I call Endicott's river, & Crane river above Skelton's neck is now called Porter's river above the bridge & mills as far as Frost fish brook, which divides into Muddy brook & Silver brook from the different soil through which they pass into Danvers & Wenham. As soon as we pass, going up the eastern point of Horse pasture Neck, we open the House near the Mills or Waters' but not the Mills or Porter's river as they lay much behind the land which stretches out & makes the N. side of Waters' river. We saw several small boats sailing & fishing in all the rivers. We returned in season & finished with great pleasure the visit much indebted to Mr. Webb & his well accomodated boat, both with what belongs to safe & easy sailing & to the enjoyment of his friends. Mrs. Armstrong & Eliz. & Mary Beckford with us besides Mr. Webb & his three young attendants. Stephen Ward keeps a house of entertainment at Orne's point, or as the sailors say, a Slaughter House.

13. Yesterday I dined with a large party at B. W. Crowninshield's with Gen. Bernard who is at the head of our Military

*Rockweed, a leathery sea weed.

School, & Capt. Elliot of the navy, who are in this quarter to examine for a naval depot. At the notice of a friend I gave the population around Salem & that around Boston & a description of Forest River & parts adjacent. It is not amiss to shew ourselves attention to every possible advantage belonging to us. We have several places we might designate for public uses. We may get one thing if not another. As Peters, who endeavored to get a College, got all the funds into the hands of the Merchants who cared much more for commerce than the existence of a College within a few miles of them.

14. On the Neck this day a superabundance of insects & birds of every name. Fish in plenty. Mr. Pentland & wife & J. Brown & wife held fort Lee. Cilley & his wife, a Continental soldier, holds fort Pickering for the government. Cilley says he is descended from Gen. Cilley & Madam was related to Hamilton.

15. Sunday. Note. Horatio Perry & wife & children, d. of their young d. aet. 3, Eunice Caroline.

17. The sea serpent puzzles us. We shall be laughed at till we take him. He was seen last Saturday by several hundred persons near Nahant. They differ nothing in their description of it. This is the fourth time he has been seen in the bay lately. But we do not take him.

20. Mr. Dalrymple repairing the road from English street to Old Neck Gate & the road needed it. The pumps put in use at the head of the Common, Newbury Street, with iron brakes.

23. I was at the annual Visitation of the Schools. The Grammar School had 110 pupils, under Davis, Parker & Oliver. The other Schools about 6 hundred. I heard the Grammar School & the recitations engaged by their novelty. I then retired. Emerson has the West School, Gerrish the East, Dodge the North, & Felton the Centre School. A School is erected in the South fields but it has not yet gone into operation.

24. Lancaster has made a short tour eastward & has returned. He is to give a Lecture to the Ladies this afternoon upon teaching needlework by the hundred at a time & is to give his farewell address in the evening, candles & incidental expenses being paid. He says he has been very kindly received eastward & perhaps it is so indeed.

26. Yesterday Cambridge University conferred upon me the degree D. D. I was informed by Dr. N. Bowditch how it was done. He frankly told me that Heterodoxy had been an objection, but that in the present occasion the vote was throughout unanimous. That some members were disposed to confer a LL. D. & that the Orthodox would have preferred it, but the Corporation judged that as D[ivinity] was my profession, it would in their peculiar circumstances be a better testimony of their esteem & a proof that they were not afraid or ashamed to acknowledge their

friends. That in no form would there have been any objection. Dr. B. said to an Orthodox who would have preferred a LL. D., we give a Degree to Hall, a Baptist, & to Murdock, an Andover professor of Hopkinsianism. Let us take the mean as we do in numbers & in voting discover we can honour all. Dr. B. said, prepare to die, for Degrees are usually fore runners as they are given to the Aged when their course is finished. Alluding to the degrees given to persons advanced in life.

September 2, 1819. Our military companies have much to do, to display camp duty. We find them, not to return at night, marching into neighbouring towns to feel the severity of the service. We may think this experiment a little too far. Besides the expense of it, the dissipation belonging to it, we object to the character of it. The young men have no habits corresponding to the exercise. They leave their tents upon a shower, they quarter upon & disturb their neighbours & they have no preparatory discipline with which these exercises may be associated. The privations they feel & the partial obedience they pay will disqualify for camp duty & such men do not appear when camp duty is wanted. In the last war, in a military association of 80 men, these companies did not supply a man. Their leaders have given some sad examples of paying debts contracted in this manner, with ruin to themselves & to the best character of the community, to its best confidence, integrity & will for the public service.

5. Sunday. Notes. John Cook & wife, d. of youngest child, suddenly, croup. She a Patfield, d. of Wid. Mack who lived long in the family of Joseph Vincent, Ropemaker. He descended from a Salem family of long standing. Deborah Fairfield, d. of her Sister in Law Searle, husband & brother at sea. She a Goodrich, of Beverly, & wife of Capt. James Fairfield. Fairfield's mother a Murray & long infirm in the family of this widow Searle, her daughter. A Mr. Caldwell from Salem, Mass., ord. at Waineborough, S. C., died lately in Georgia.

7. Our Light Infantry on parade with their tents. Our Cadets marched out of Town last week & were detained by the weather. Our Artillery returned at night. The Light Infantry are more discreet & stay at home, save expense & better please their friends. Our uniform Companies have not half their proper compliments of men. Mary Rand who died lately in Salem, aet. 84, was a sister of Eunice, Widow of Col. S. Carlton, now living in her ninetieth year. They have both been subject to partial derangements. A daughter of John Hunt. Their brother who suffered in the same way was Deacon W. Hunt of the old Church, as his Father, a Baker. Mary R. married a Rand from Charlestown, Tin Plate workman, who lived aged, but separated from his wife, being often not much different from his wife. A Chorister in the Old Church. They were all valuable when their seasons of delin-

quency were not upon them. Upon Bartlet's beach opposite the Pigs last Saturday. One of our company cried out the sea serpent, & having an excellent glass attempted to discover it. She represented that she thought she saw a boat coming to her, but upon a second attempt to see it it disappeared. She hoped therefore to see the sea serpent rise again. It was discovered afterwards that her cousin John Brown was drowned from a canoe at that spot. There his boat was found & his body floated towards the quarantine ground & was brought to town yesterday. He belonged to Danvers. Mrs. & Miss Williams both saw the boat & upon its disappearing were encouraged that it was the Sea serpent for which many were enquiring & on the shore to watch. A woman was killed named Conant in Upper Beverly standing near the shears to raise a pump when the tackle gave way.

8. This day died my old friend Edmund Needham, aet. 82. He was the son of Needham who kept the windmill after Clough & lived in the mill house to which his son Edmund built the western end & in this house he died. The kindness of his daughter Silsbee to my father in Boston & some kind intercession for my friends Pope & Phillips in retaining the house of worship for their Friends in Boston formed an attachment & friendship which brought almost daily visits throughout the last years of his life. In his active life he was a Philadelphia trader in a small vessel from the port of Salem having occasionally been on other voyages. This employment he continued till a debility of the lower extremities obliged him to stay at home. He had great power in his hands & had been athletic. Till the last he could move himself by his grasp but could not stand hardly by holding. Whether his riding much in a sulkey was the cause was questionable. He always felt the superior strength of his hands & a tottering gait. On Monday I was with him with his usual cheerfulness. On Tuesday morning he was seized with apoplexy & expired at eight this morning. His funeral this afternoon. He has left two d., one Desire, married a Dean & has 3 children. The other, Enock Silsbee, Esqr. & has many children. Edmund Needham was of the society of Friends. He was hospitable, sincere & independent. In his family kind & he had a good wife. His first wife Blaney died young. His second wife, a Saunders, was of a puritan family, but conformed without superstition.

This day I went with Day, who works in stone, to Gloucester, intending by the new road to Essex, alias Chebacco, to penetrate the woods & discover what stone abounded in it. He was upon quartermaster duty & upon a little persuasion was prevented from the search for marble or the stone of the country. I found in passing to old town Gloucester the men at work in preparing stone for the foundation of houses. About half a mile from the harbour. It has much mica & splits easier than the Danvers stone but not

so well as the Middlesex. It is a true sienite. In passing the Gloucester stage near Mingo's beach we were told by the passengers that they had seen the Sea serpent on that beach. We were not blessed with the sight by all the care we employed. But the report brought down a large company from Salem, some of whom declared they had seen the serpent. I found persons at my lodgings inquiring upon my return. I visited & dined at Col. Pierce's. Visited Major Smith & there saw Mr. Marsh, attorney, & afterwards went to the grave yard of Old town to see the monument of my friend Gibaut, which I found in good order, having heard it was injured. Took coffee at Thompson's, Manchester.

11. We have a pilot boat & two whale boats in the bay after the sea serpent, but they have not yet had a sight of him. Public opinion wavers as more delay to find him.

12. Sunday. Note. Capt. W. Fairfield, d. of his wife in his absence. Thanks for safe return from sea. Capt. F. sailed from Salem, Oct. 3, 1817, & has been absent nearly two years. He left his wife in an ill state of health. At Manchester, Thurston has so far lost the affections of the people that a Council has advised a dismission upon condition the Town buys the house he has lately built. Thurston came from New Market. It was difficult to get at the true state of the dispute. The opposition impeach his character, his friends blame Pearson, who has rather a troublesome brother in Salem named Jethr & a blacksmith. They say that the opposition wish to be rid of the charge of a minister. Such as I know are not of that character or profession. They deny that they join the Baptists, but to avoid paying Thurston.

13. Mr. Upton at the Charity House opening a dock on the E. side of the wharf, & putting the clay upon the wharf to prepare for the last coat of gravel. An old house not far above Union Wharf, the second on the west side, has been removed. It is the first built after the wharf was built upon Giggles Island & held by a Bowditch. A large willow is yet standing in the yard.

16. Capt. W. Fairfield sailed from Boston for Sumatra in Sept., 1818 & returned in Sept., 1819. He sailed from Boston & took with him what is called the crooked neck squash. He carried to Sumatra & brought it back in as good state as he received it. It was in the open air over the stern during the voyage. It is a wonderful example of the preservation of this rich vegetable. I am told the British officers keep their best potatoes in the tops of their masts open through the voyage in order to preserve them in their greatest excellence at sea.

17. Yesterday I rode to Nahant with Miss H., the intended Mrs. Kittredge, & Miss Dodge of N. Port. We visited the usual places & found a greater variety of Company. No steamboat or Sea Serpent. The expences of a visit to Nahant are doubled. On our return we visited the Spring Hotel at Spring pond. There also ex-

pences were high. Four Dollars in both places for single fare, formerly one. The Spring hotel was full of company. The Spring has a rotundo & the boat a floating landing. The grove on the west had five smaller trees on its western side but the 30-40 tall fir trees were gone. The precipice near it gave it a grandeur which nothing near it could surpass. The wildest scenery still remains around the pond undiminished. At Nahant we are told of a collection of stones made by a visitant but came away without the sight of them. A ditch is dug through the swamp west of the lower houses & almost all the trees removed. A few left on the northwest corner. The part near the house cleared which gives a very different appearance at the New House from that we had in the old one. Seats are placed on the hill on the south side of the bason. We went by the beaches & found good roads. We returned from the Hotel by the old Boston road. Many new but small buildings on the old Danvers road from Salem bounds to the old Bell [tavern], but the cultivation much inferior to its former state. The inhabitants are rock men. We returned through North fields as we went through South fields & Legg's Hill road. The great willow Stump at Blaney's, beyond Swampscut, is removed since the tree is cut down. The Lynn men were repairing the road to Nahant gate, new entrance.

19. Sunday. We have had a Convention of Baptists lately in Beverly & they had the use of the lower Meeting House. The number was large. Some chaises marked at the houses at which they put up were above No. one hundred. At Manchester the opposition have a Baptist meeting at a School House & Capt. Story of the Marblehead Artillery preaches for them as Capt. Lee of Manchester one of them told me. We are no Baptists said he.

26. Sunday. Notes. James Archer & wife & children, d. of her Father Capt. John Archer. This Venerable man, aet. 86, finished a useful & upright life & died in peace. Wid. Sarah Knight, of fourscore, d. of her only Brother John Archer, friends at sea.

27. Rode with Dr. Parsons, his d. & Mrs. Armstrong, to Marblehead. We proceeded to the Fort attended by Capt. Bailey & found Capt. Leonard had been in command six months. We found all in good order. Saw the fish flakes, the Cadets & Artillery on Training field hill & returned & took tea in South fields upon the Brown farm, with E. Hearsey Derby, in company with Mrs. Williams from Northborough & other Ladies & Gentlemen. Visited his very beautiful Garden & returned before night to Salem. The Dr. seemed to have not very favourable impressions of Marblehead, but he judged only from the appearance of the town & from the inhabitants in the streets. Col. Harris commanded at the fort before Leonard. Capt. L. has a wife with him & one child. The apartments are very neat. We spoke to our old friend the Collector as we passed him at his door, but he was not at home.

28. Mr. Fisher exhibited his view of Salem from Gallows Hill at the west end. A view from the same spot has been taken lately for Mr. Orne of Springfield. This is said to have been taken for Mr. Hayley Forrester as a present to Mr. S. Williams of London. On the north river it terminates with the Baptist meeting house & in Boston street exhibits the least regular part of the town. It shows the spires as from the hill & the offing beyond. The water & adjacent lands are the best. He has a view, also North bridge & river to Windmill point, upon a separate picture. I wish a view of the town from the South to exhibit its commercial Character. It is about four feet by three which gives the Town.

30. For the third time I visited the private Schools of Salem. Last fall I visited Davis' School in Chestnut street, a School of boys. This year Cole's School of Girls in Marlborough street & this day Clark's School in Franklin Building, Essex & Newbury st. This School has assigned to it 25 scholars, but all very young in the project. It has children of Hon. N. Silsbee, Hon. B. W. Crowninshield, J. Derby, Esqr., J. Endicott, Esqr. &c. It is of those one making Schools in which we see the master only in all his pupils. Great good order in the school, but not a system of development. Imitation not Invention. These Schools serve to keep up ambition in our public Schools for these are much better as our private schools multiply. The Exhibition in the afternoon was much better than the examination. They seemed to know much more upon the boards.

October 2, 1819. Dined with the Overseers of the Poor at the Charity House & visited every part of the house. Found everything in the utmost good order & contentment. Nothing to blame within or without.

3. Sunday. Notes. Sally Hayes, d. of her husband, pr. for Brother at Sea. Her Husband came at 15 from Waterford in Ireland & has been a seaman from Salem. Married a Hampson & has left two children, eldest a son. He was in [the] Trinity with Capt. Green of Marblehead & went with Lemon, the mate. Said to have been lost from the boat. Said no consistent account given of his death.

Wid. Martha Rice, d. of her only son. No child left. David Joseph Rice lived a cooper in Boston. His wife in the poorhouse, Beverly. Died in Boston of the malignant fever in that place.

Deborah Fairfield, wife of James, d. of her mother Goodrich. This a Mother in Law, a Smith, & when her father G. of Beverly, married 12 years ago, was the Wid. Tyler, aet. 55.

William Rhue, d. of child. His wife a D. of the well known James Tytler who came from Scotland to America, was author of several works & lived upon Salem Neck.

Jane Tytler, d. of her g. child James Rhue. Jane is the Wid. of said James Tytler. Martha Rice is very infirm. Dr. Fairfield has a husband at sea & Wid. Hayes a Brother at sea.

I am told that Sanborn, the zealot of Woodend, Reading, has been indicted at the Court in Middlesex for usury. That his plea was that he was insane & he was acquitted. The case is to have another hearing with Webster against him. He has been a man of frightful imagination & of most extravagant & uncouth expressions.

4. Our health committee has been active & vigilant, but silent & cautious. A Capt. Smith from the southward left a Vessel in quarantine ground with out leave & he was put in close confinement in the County prison for 30 days with cost & charges. Not one word has been said against it & the H. Com. have not uttered a word about it.

We have made great repairs on our roads. Tons of earth & stones have been brought from Mill hill, from Northfields & the Neck. The roads around Washington place are in good repair. The road from the East M. to the old Neck gate & the cross streets have been repaired.

5. I left Salem to attend the Review of the first Essex Brigade at Tapley's brook. I found at 9 the troops on the ground & their tents & markees displayed, but had not patience for the delays, which were to spend the morning & having my friend Mrs. Armstrong with me, whom I could not well accomodate in any house near the parade, with her wishes & my own we proceeded as far as Rev. Joseph Mottey's [of Lynnfield]. We found him with his only daughter & child & his sister. He is extremely fond of retirement & more since the loss of a great part of his family. He has some quiet being little disposed to contend, but liable to the intrusions of the sects & even C[ornelius] of Salem ordered a Lecture in his M. H. but was refused when he came to deliver it. We were hospitably received & after dinner left for Ipswich. I could find no person who had passed in this direction. I passed on the North Reading road & then went down by Procter's to the Turnpike, took coffee at Topsfield hotel & after passing the second mile stone about one mile & a quarter crossed to Ipswich & found a most pleasant ride upon the northern bank of the river into Ipswich making the whole distance from home 26 miles. I put my horse at the Hotel & went to Mr. Jabez Fuller's for the night & was kindly received.

6. We went for amusement to Patch's Beach. We entered the road near the School House beyond Dr. Dana's Meeting H. going southerly & found a good road three miles. As we passed to Ipswich yesterday we passed Sander's Brook & Gravelly brook & some other streams. Here we had only low places on the marshes. We reached Patch's beach having passed farms which were in possession of the heirs of the Choate family, Baker's, Kinsman, Smith, &c. Choate & two other farmers live on Hog island celebrated for its Mutton, butter & cheese, beyond any land in Essex. At Patch's beach we were not favoured by the tide but we spent more time

upon Castle Hill, a bluff at the entrance of the Ipswich on the south side & north of the beacons which direct the entrance of the river. It is above 50 feet from the beach. We are told Patch's heirs are recovering the estate & that Capt. McGee who held it for a Sheep walk had given it up. We saw the Sheep cote still standing. Tristram Brown & James Lakeman live on the farms at south end of Plum island. At Patch's beach we went only on its north end & from a curve in the sand we had no expectation that we could pass three miles but only as far as our view on the beach about half a mile. It was three miles before we reached the marshes & one further to the beach called Patch's. In town we passed between the Brick probate office & went to the stone goal, the first of the kind in the county, but which yields in appearance to the picked stone [goal] in Salem. We passed then to the river & by Prince Safford, alias Patch, we were conducted along the bank to the falls at the mills below the bridge & so onward to the bridge. On the other or south side are the mills, one for sawing & the other a grist mill & the water course is opened through the solid rock. Mr. Gaines, long the miller, is removed to the Poor House, several miles on the road towards Rowley & several miles from the Stage road, on the Berry farm purchased by the town for the purpose of its poor. We found the bed of the river a coarse gravel. In the evening from Esqr. Farley's we passed to the mills at the artificial falls above the Bridge having on the south side a saw mill & on the north a grist mill with three pair of stones. The evening was delightful, the water smooth & the reflection perfect. We could see Jupiter in the water as unmoved as in the heavens & not twinkling below. We returned to the house & saw a woman making lace, the same as that in the Curwen band in 1653.

7. Was the day for the North Brigade muster & the troops passed at a very early hour. We left after breakfast intending to pass through Bound Brook parish in Ipswich, in which Mr. Leslie used to preach & lately Mr. Williams. We passed the sands at the foot of Whortleberry hill, not entering into the post road to Rowley, & passed over Chapman's hill, on which we expected to see Old Rowley Meeting house, but on the height of the hill the higher part of the hill was between us & Rowley. We continued on in a route without any pleasures of cultivation or riches of soil, a contrast to the road on which we approached Ipswich, till we reached the Turnpike. We here found the blacksmith in his Tavern where uncouth verses had afforded much sport; but which were now removed. This was the first decent house. We passed by the neglected meeting house of Fire town & took our course to New Rowley. In the centre we found some flourishing farmers & good houses & a new & well painted Meeting House, Mr. Braman, minister, whom we did not see, as he was upon parade. We were hospitably received at Nelson's & visited his father who lived in the house of Mr. Chandler, late minister.

From him we were informed of Phileppus Nelson who graduated at Cambridge in 1653. It seems the Ancestor was among the first settlers & made large purchases & returning to settle all his affairs in England he died. He had two sons, one designed for College & the other for a Merchant. The last was the ancestor of the Patriarch we visited. Phileppus was educated as his father wished, settled as a Magistrate in Rowley & was in military service under Phips, & it is said a fortification in the bend of the Merrimac was called Fort Nelson from him. He is called Master Phileppus N[elson] upon the records as Esqr. Jewett, the town clerk & son of a former Minister in Old Rowley, alive since my day, testified from the records. Mr. Jewett died before the American War. Ezekiel Rogers was at Rowley in 1637 so that it is among the first Churches. From the Meeting House we passed to the plain on which was to be the review. But we were kept at such a distance & were so soon interrupted by the crazy & noisy that after walking the length of the line with Esqr. Farley & young McKean we were willing to retire & I took the Haverhill road to Salem. We dined at Topsfield Hotel & passed to the family farm on Endicott place & there we found Capt. Armstrong just arrived. I took tea & in the evening returned home having had a longer absence than for many years.

A town clerk at Topsfield tells me of a W. Perkins as their first minister but not ordained. Passing the meadows at Ipswich on my right was Stone's meadow & on my left Reedy meadow, in which the flags were cut for use. After leaving the turnpike at Topsfield for Ipswich pass Hum river, then another stream.

9. Col. Butman, under whom I was Chaplain to Salem Regiment, removed for better times to New Orleans & sold his estate in Salem & soon died with three of his children. He was a man of ambition, bred a Taylor, in public favour, went into trade & advanced in rank. Had a pleasant house not far from the South M. H. The change of times arrested his plans. He went to New Orleans, was arrested by the fever & died, aided by his Brother. The southern climes have not been indulgent to our constitutions.

Died at his father's in Exeter, N. H., Revd. John Emery Abbott, aet. 26, the late Pastor of the North Church in Salem & successor of Dr. T. Barnard. He was ordained April 20, 1815 and soon found himself incapable of the energies of the Pulpit, & continued in an extreme degree of debility for a long time unequal to public duty till his friends advised a visit to Cuba, which he made without success. At length he returned to his Father's & for two years we have been in constant expectation of his death. His funeral is to be next Monday at Exeter & notice is given accordingly.

10. Sunday. Notes. Horatio Perry & wife, d. of their youngest child, of 3 weeks. They had buried one of 3 years in last August. He is our teacher of music. Major of the Reg.

Francis Lemart & wife, d. of her daughter Goodison, aet. 25. Her



JOHN DABNEY.

1752-1819.

From a miniature in possession of the Essex Institute.

husband at sea. Goomansen. The funeral of Mrs. Goomansen was the first in my absence attended by a fanatic.

My nephew put me in possession of a work printed in Philadelphia, 1817, entitled the *Doctrines & Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church*. This was more seasonable as a caution respecting the blacks in Salem. While in the School Committee in concert with Rev. Joshua Spaulding, we planned a Black School with great success. For the public religious instruction of the blacks I encouraged them to attend the ministry of Mr. Spaulding as most fitted to their instruction & marked with an enthusiastic hope of benefit to that race. The Scheme has since been changed. Certain devout women of the strictest sect have undertaken to change our plan & have actually opened a place of worship on the high land in the southern part of the town, in a place to which the Africans formerly resorted for pleasure & the property of a Mr. Fabens. Here they continued at their will till the work became heavy & then they extended their invitations. Dr. Prince of the old Church has consented to lead in their exercises this evening. Always averse from night lectures, which I have never preached, I referred upon an invitation given me to the plan I had adopted & executed. The Africans then were ten times as quiet as they have ever been since or probably ever can become, since the changes in their manners & treatment. I declined indirectly & left my wishes with my committee who agreed with my wishes. The Negroes have such a mixture of teachers as makes their instruction useless. They would have been content in their former state if left to proper direction.

11. The last rains prove that the great expences on our roads have been without judgement as the water stood in every part in ponds which could not flow off & which penetrated into the soft substances with which the roads were filled.

In this town have died Enos Briggs, æt. 73, in Southfields. He came to Salem from the old Colony, 1790; was master builder at the building of the Essex frigate upon Winter Island, & established himself in Southfields in which he has kept a building yard. He acquired a good estate, but speculations in which his children involved him & perhaps in part his own consent were not favourable to him. He was an excellent practical workman & if not independent & original he built many excellent vessels & died in the public favour.

Died this day also John Dabney, Esqr. late Post Master of Salem. He first appeared among us as a Printer & Bookseller & afterwards as holding a Circulating Library which he continued while in the Post Office. His person gave him the appearance of great age. He married a daughter of Mr. Peele whose sister married Thomas Mason, a Merchant of Salem & a Sister of Willard Peele, now a President of one of our Banks. He has a son, a Candidate for the ministry, & two daughters. By a strange fatality all his opportunities

were lost & he became much involved in debt from which his wife's patrimony served to extricate him. He was not careful in his last days. He had singular manners, good friends, & died at home, æt. 67. Carlton used to say, as a wag, he was born before the Christian era.

12. Being the Cattle Show at Brighton at the invitation of B. W. C[rowninshield] late Sec. of the Navy, I took a seat in his carriage with Judge S[tory]. We left Salem at six, passed over Salem turnpike to Charlestown and reached Brighton at 9 A. M. We found the people assembling & went with the members of the Mass. Ag. Society to their Hall & moved in to the procession to the meeting House. After prayers by Dr. Foster, we had an appropriate address from Hon. Josiah Quincy, which did the highest honour to his talents & his virtues & added to his high reputation as one of the best practical farmers in America. The applause was unbounded. We then passed to the tents which exceeded sixty. An ox of enormous size was exhibited. Many bulls of the best forms. Many oxen & cows of various claims. The young cattle of excellent form & early growth were a rich example of care, & of all the hog kinds not one could be seen undeserving of praise. The sheep of the merino breed were in the best state, but our own were larger & better for our own farms. It was a proud sight for a patriot & an honourable one to our husbandmen. We then passed to the room in which were displayed our manufactures. Our broadcloths were of the first quality. Our woollen goods in great variety. The specimens of carpeting were worthy of exhibition. All the smaller articles good in their kind. The lace which had been wrought was worthy of the best directed female instruction & the artificial flowers attested the exquisite taste & fond observation of nature in our daughters. The specimens in cut glass were worthy of the best improvement in the art. The machines appeared in good form & the extraordinary fruits discovered the riches of the season & the attention of a well directed industry. We dined at the hotel & had a splendid entertainment & very large number of guests. The best articles of flesh & fowl were before us, all the luxuries of the field were produced & the company were in high pleasure, & wonderful consent for full enjoyment. After dinner Hon. J. Quincy produced a watermelon of 40 pounds, which was as good as it was great, to regale us & grapes of every name came from our own vintage. We had all the fruits of the season & rose delighted from a feast which had every excitement from presence of the best riches of our country, & the best zeal of our best citizens. We did not determine to wait for the exhibition of plowing on the next day or for the sales tho kindly urged by Gen. Dearborn, the Governour & other friends. We left before sundown & reached Salem very highly pleased & in all respects gratified just before nine in the evening.

14. This day was buried the Capt. of the English Brig Daphne,

from Demerara to Halifax, upset on 20 Sept., Lat. 30, Long. 71. Two were lost & the rest had been then ten days on the wreck. The wreck being much under water they could supply themselves only with rum & molasses which floated from the hold. The Capt. was in a state of derangement when taken from the wreck but some hopes were entertained. But his feet were much injured & a mortification & lockjaw ensued so that he died on the sixth day after his arrival. Every attention was paid him & the Masons walked in procession at his interment. When I saw him on Saturday last he appeared composed & I expressed my hopes of recovery, but I found the family had their apprehensions by shaking the head, that the physician had given no encouragement. The English Captain Reuben Gardner, aet. 33. He had been sick before shipwreck.

17. Sunday. Cornelius held forth this evening upon the Sandwich Island Mission, respecting which was a great display in Boston last week. At Ipswich I found the sects not embodied in the Town. The second meeting H. on this side the bridge has been painted for Dr. Dana now 77, and Waterman's house at the bridge abandoned. I passed through Firetown, so named or Bound Brook. They have no minister since Williams who is gone to Newbury Newtown. It has sad marks of poverty. At New Rowley they have a new meeting house, with steep roof & tower & belfrey. The Building is high for its ground plot. Topsfield remains vacant since Huntington's death and is not near to a settlement. The Perkins' insist that W. Perkins was their first minister in their early history, tho they have no pretence that he was ordained.

17. The paving of yards has become more common lately than since the first generation. It is now found convenient & Peabody & ——— are paving their yards. The cellars formerly were paved with stones from the beach. It is said by Capt. H. Prince that in Bourbon they knock off the head of the stones with great facility. I asked all pavers & they declared it impossible with our stones on our shore & attempted it in vain in my presence with any instrument they could handle.

19. Major G. Hovey did not succeed better at New Rowley than I did. I found myself in a rabble with a crazy man. He found himself neglected & insulted. At nine o'clock I heard notice given at Nelson's Tavern of his desire to be accomodated, after the house was full. He retired early & was entertained at Topsfield. The Newbury Port Herald published a communication impeaching his judgment in all the arrangements of the day. This visit is not adapted to my higher opinion of the northern part of the County.

21. This week Capt. John Andrews is raising his four large columns on the south side of his house. These are the largest ever raised in Salem. They stand on the basement story on the S. W. part of the house. The base is of free stone, the shafts fluted, of pine.

The capitals are not yet raised. This is building in true as well as great style. The columns are not seen in the front of the house eastwardly on Washington place & only obliquely at the entrance of Newbury street within the wall of brick which is of considerable elevation on the street. Last week Mr. Silsbee entered his new house eastward of Washington place. I was introduced into the house this week. It has one place for windows, arched with side windows, in the same aperture arched upon the middle but having no seats within, the ceiling continued strait round the room. The north part of the house may be thrown into one hall for all domestic associations or seperated by doors for the purpose. The marble round the fireplaces is the first ornament but it is seldom otherwise than rich. The walls are well plastered. The work in wood, plain & good. The carpets, hangings & furniture are adapted to display the ease of condition, but have nothing extravagant in the fancy of them. The conveniences are many & the apartments of the servants are distinct. Capt. John Forrester is now preparing the front of his house on the north side of the Common, with a southern front. He has the best situation. Everything is well done about his house which will soon be ready for him. It comes nigher in its appearance to our usual style of building in brick, but probably is not behind in any of the materials or workmanship upon the plan he has adopted.

22. Mr. John Dabney has not been recollected in his true character. When he first opened a Bookstore in Salem, anything deserving the name was unknown. A few books in common use might be bought & other books must be bought in Boston or if of any rare character, imported. Dabney begun as if we were readers of a higher class, as if we read from our enquiries & not in books long used & by the wise forgotten. His display was in considerable amount & when he found that he had outstepped the wishes of the hour, I well remember I purchased many books he could not sell to relieve him. Others were as willing, but not to indemnify him for an experiment in which the whole town has profitted. His employment afterwards was in a circulating Library, which was sold at vendue before his decease & many able purchasers attended the sale.

23. Saw Mr. Andrew's men raise the fourth & corner 32 feet column on west side of Washington Square. Saw Judge Story's men putting the fence at the corner of Brown & Winter street where Chever's house & tanyard stood on Washington place. Saw Bartoll commending his imitation of marble slabs at Silsbee's. He told me of King's floor in Summer street.

24. Sunday. This day Mr. Channing at the North Meeting House to perform the offices of condolence with that Church upon the death of their Pastor. It was with Mr. Channing, Mr. Abbot pursued his studies in preparation for the ministry. Dr. Prince

left the old Church to perform the same office for the Church in Gloucester upon the death of Mr. Hartshorn. When Dr. Barnard died, Dr. Prince officiated & almost directly his sermon was printed. But he was the cause why no minister of Salem supported the pall and why all the congregational churches were not invited to the ordination of his successor. He is now repaid justly with that neglect, not to say contempt he deserves. Mr. Carlisle of the Ep. Ch. preached in the morning, but excused himself for the evening service from the state of his health, not to witness greater desertion. My own friends had sentiment enough to see what the spirit of an invitation abroad was, when all at home were passed over. Pr. Ware who preached on the first Sunday hardly knew the deceased. Such is the Society on which we depended for liberal views & aid if only enlightened humanity. A Character in the Gazette displays the piety of this young man whose good purposes entitle him to love, but the eulogy is a new picture to his most affectionate friends.

At the last Sunday evening, Cornelius, at the Tabernacle, made an exhibition of his Sandwich Island Pupil & received from a very great crowd 80 dollars towards a Charity for the Gospel in the Sandwich Islands that in its outfit is publickly calculated at 50 thousand dollars. The Pupil however had an apology for him. Cornelius to carry on his abuse of principles & covertly of men, has abounded lately in censures of the Great Priestley, whom he probably never read, of whose like he knows nothing, & whom he could not possibly comprehend.

John Prince, Esqr. from Marblehead, assures me that Bartlet has been much assisted by his Lectures. That the Inhabitants from all the Congregations attend. That the Correspondence of Dana of the Old Church, by which he dissolves all fellowship with Bartlet, has been called for by his committee. That the Opposition has been led by a Mr. Reed, late of Congress, a man preferred by a party but not supported by it upon a change of times & that it has few visible supporters. Many speak of this Bartlet for our North Church now vacant. I do not expect they will obtain a better. The wife of Christopher Gore, our late Governor has given a Prayer Book, presented to her from one of the Royal family, to the Library at Nahant, which is increasing. Dr. Cutler remains unable for services in his pulpit. He has left it in the condition to be over run by fanatics. His talents in Nat. History have not had those of Theology united to them.

25. We had news that Capt. C. Neil was ashore at Sumatra. Circumstances doubtful. The British Consul has taken kind notice of the 175 D. raised in Salem for Capt. Gardner who was for a long time on the wreck of his Vessel & was brought to Salem & died. Mr. Pickering Dodge is carrying off his Wharf from the Point opposite to the Derby Wharf at the point most easterly. The

work is in the method of the Wharf at the Charity House, with stone filled with earth to be solid & not like our other wharves of Cobb & liable to be hurt by every sea.

27. Jonathan P. Saunders [is] comparing his survey of Salem with the plans I hold in my possession from Ford, Gibaut, Mansfield, & papers used in a survey by Government. I lent him Ford's plan of Salem & its vicinity to be returned in a few days. When the Survey was made, Bowditch, then first entering upon his study of numbers, had the field book but no power of projection. Gibaut was accurate & sure, when he could be engaged, but he had ill health & endless delays. Everything begun well but nothing was finished. The papers I hold are in the state in which I have put them long since the survey, but without expectation that a plan of Salem would be published. The object of Saunders is to qualify himself in the distress of his affairs as a practical surveyor.

28. The Naiad as she approached out shore was struck with lightning. The mate who was aloft was killed & precipitated into the ocean. One was hurt but not fatally. Griffin of Salem killed.

29. Drs. Treadwell & O[rne] called upon me respecting my affections of the head & breast, but did not determine of what character were my complaints. It seemed to be a union of symptoms which might regard the affections of the heart or watery collections or predisposition for apoplexy. They were to examine the case. I gave O. a few answers on paper but the principal one was that the affections of the heart was not so much felt from motion as it was from change of air. I could go where I pleased much better however in any time than in the evening. Through life I have had these affections strangely exchanged. This to me is a serious enquiry. I know no time of my active life that has not seriously felt some such complaints, but never before have I been obliged to employ so much caution in walking.

31. Sunday. Notes. Wid. Hanna Rowell & children, d. of a Son at Sea, & pr. for sons at Sea. This has been a most unhappy family in regard to animal or social evils. Widow Mary Becket, d. of her G. son Rowell & pr. for grand children absent. This aged lady was a Murray & Wid. of Wm. Becket. She has been sorely tried in some of her children & comforted in others. She has uncommon vigour of mind & body at ninety two years of age. Free to walk, converse & to enjoy her friends. Of the same age with our Dr. Holyoke. She walks at pleasure the whole length of the town. She was formerly subject to transient deliriums, which were harmless. In them she would rise at very early hours, be in her garden & seem to forget all other concerns. These were not from old age but constitution. Mr. David Kendal preached with me this morning. Was classmate with McKean, Alden & Bowers in 1794. He kept school in Cambridge & Salem. It is 19 y. since he left Salem. He was ord. at Hubbardston. He is excentric.

When in Salem he lived with Dr. Prince. He spent several days with me & is a great stickler for the Jews & Ab. Covenant.

November 1, 1819. We have as yet had no serious occasion for fire tho hospitality has kindled it. In this town has died Mary Saunders, aet. 82. She was very intimate with Wid. Mary Elkins, with whom I first boarded in Salem, & long known by her excellent cake with which she supplied our families for many years. She was buried in the forms of the English Church. She was sister to my friend the Wid. Needham, wife of Edmund. The Sisters Needham & Harthorne are still living & a Sister besides.

2. I went to Marblehead to spend the day with Capt. John Prince, late Judge of our Sessions & Magistrate of Marblehead. We had the company of Revd. Bartlett at dinner. Prince has a wife & three Children, a son & 2 daughters, who were with us. We had much desultory conversation & much about Marblehead. It was the design of the Pastor of the old church to profit from the present controversy in our churches. He began a correspondence with the Pastor of the other Cong. Church & then proffered to dissolve communion with him. He found several persons coming over to him. But from want of talents he was not able to succeed. The Committee saw something else besides his personal interest in a disunion of churches among hungry & unenlightened sects with lay preachers. The man was brought to the brink, but pity in some & fear in others will probably stop the work as it is. And yet the General association calls this wicked work the work of the L. in Marblehead. Their method of fighting the enemy with his own weapons is not a very promising one.

3. Buried at the Charity House, Elizabeth, wife of David Marston, aet. 83. She was a Laskey from Marblehead & wid. Davis when Marston married her. Both paupers. Four daughters survive her. She twelve years older than her husband. As I went to Marblehead I visited Pickering Dodge's Wharf on the south side of the river and directly at the end of the River street, which Briggs, the ship builder, first supplied with a decent tenement. The wharf is in good forwardness, has a solid foundation on the rocks of the point & is to be solid with stone work filled with earth.

5. We have had this evening the full proof of the obstinate power of superstition & habit. The 5 of Nov. was celebrated by the ritual & rubric of the English Church for political purposes. The history of the plot against all fact most pertinaciously insisted upon as real, & the popular celebration, by the carrying about the Pope & Devil, most zealously encouraged. Tho we have lost all connection with Great Britain & have detected the fraud & the purpose, yet our common people still keep the 5 of Nov. and we had a roaring fire on the Neck on this occasion. We had not the old fashion transportation through the streets, nor the riots & quarrels, but we had enough to shew us that old habits are invincible against all the light which can be offered them.

7. Sunday. Notes. W. Griffin & wife, pr. for sudden d. of their only Son who was killed just before the Ship arrived in port, while on the mast, by a stroke of lightning. Also pr. for a Brother very sick & pr. for another Brother at sea. Abigail Clearage, pr. that this sudden d. might be s[anctified to] her. The intended wife of the deceased. James Bowen, pr. on. d. of an intimate companion, the above worthy young man.

8. When we can have pumpkins at 5 D. a ton, we can afford to live at humble wages. I had a dozen for our beer & I also bought a bushel of potatoes. The plenty of the season is a subject of congratulation. This evening died Jabez Baldwin, aet. 42, a young tradesman of great activity, of quiet manners & of most happy domestic life. He had risen to great apparent prosperity & married the only d. of the late Mr. Briggs, Son in law of J. Vincent, & also a successful tradesman.

9. I consented to go to Court again as Chaplain. I had been justly offended but I was determined to praise what I admired & to omit all censure. I took a view of the important services of the Judges & of the Bar. We had a handsome dinner, free conversation & all the semblance of peace. I have not officiated since the time when I was brought before the Court for contempt of which I was not guilty & when very ungenerous means were employed to get me into trouble. J. Parker present, G. Thacher, C. Jackson & L. Putnam. I did not return to Court again.

10. The Court upon the pretended counterfeit bills of Gloucester Bank. We have in this County two desperate if not unexampled frauds. At Gloucester were left signed by the Cashier & not improbably innocently by President Somes & left after his death, a great amount of bills left in a very exposed place & afterwards put into circulation. Many of these were received and accredited at Salem bank & for these the bank sues. It has been heard it is upon an appeal from judgment given for G. Bank. The other case is the violation of the Essex Bank by Gray & King, Cashier & Clerk, not only in expending the whole Capital but in seizing deposits for which the Foster heirs sue in great amount. These deposits had been violated & in the most insulting & desperate manner. We see the general character of Banks through the United States.

11. Mr. Baldwin buried from the Briggs house east of Washington place. As he was quarter master of Horse he had a military funeral & the Horse mounted on the occasion. He was interred with his father in law Briggs on the family lot towards Shallop cove in a place Mr. Briggs ordered to be inclosed for his own interment. I was not present having been called to a funeral at the Charity House at which some of my friends were engaged. Dr. Baldwin of Boston was in the procession with the Widow Baldwin. The woman Fearn of Marblehead, buried at the Charity house,

married as her first husband a son of Horton who lived long enough on the town land at the point below Skerry's opp. Orne's point & Porter's river, long enough to give his name as Horton's point to the point below his house, &c. She then married a Brimblecome & afterwards Patrick Phelan, now living, blind, above 80 years of age, having lived with Phelan above 41 years. She has a son & d. to survive her.

12. The Essex Sewall grave affair is not yet settled by the sentence of the Judge. The friends of Sewall plead his health that he might not be present at the sentence but the Judge excused no absence. We shall soon have the event. These evils in our County from the pretended great in it are blots on our escutcheon. As to Sewall in his profession he was a partner of Mussey of Dartmouth College & could boast he could get 50 dollars for every body he disturbed. He was the grave digger of the Club.

14. Sunday. Notes. W. Watson with his two sisters Parker & Webb & Br. in law, death of Wid. of Elder Brother Abraham Watson at Portland. Ab. settled there & died there. Pr. for friends at sea. Nathan Blood & wife, d. of his father at Pepperell. A pensioner from a wound at Bunker hill. They all remember their friends absent.

16. Attended to Neighbour Needham's will in the Probate Court. It seems Edmund Needham made a will intending to invest with his whole property his wife & what might be left was to go to his two daughters. One married a Silsbee, but the elder a Dean, who was rejected by friends & is a subject of the public charity. The Codicil was to keep from his possession the inheritance of his wife, by Trustees, as there had been no divorce. In making the will S. had provided no Executor or Administrator & the wife took Administration. I called together the witnesses, S. Ropes, Jacob Lord & Luke Brooks & had the will probated. I then took Letters of Administration & prepared the bonds by James Needham & E. Buxton, I being witness. Silsbee's Letter of Nov. 1, says that he was to go immediately for Georgia & adds I would esteem it a great & special favour for you to assist my mother Needham respecting the estate of her husband & then speaks of honest Buffum & his consent to what I might propose.

18. Yesterday was buried W. Gray, father of the absconding S. Gray, Cashier of Essex Bank. This man aet. 69, died in the Charity House. His son had possessed himself of all his property. He was formerly our neighbour on the Gray estate opp. Herbert Street. Yesterday I received by my Nephew W. B. F[owle], a Painting of Ellis Gray, minister of Boston, died 1753, aet. 37. The deep interest I take in this painting is from the intimate friendship between him & the Grandfather who gave me my education, from the affectionate conduct of his Son who was in the offices of public trust in Boston while I was in the public Schools & from the bounty

of his G. Son Ellis Gray, while he was residing in Moscow, Russia. Mr. Gray died young while in his public services at Charlestown. Mr. Gray would receive nothing for the painting. My friend John Dodge, Esqr. coming from home fell instantly. He has had approaches to such a state of syncope. He says the affection was in the head & it must have proceeded from general debility.

19. The Lilliputians, so called, were shewn me by Mr. Greenwood, Painter of Boston, & were exhibited for some time in his Museum or gallery of paintings. I saw them with their mother, Mrs. Clarke from Philadelphia, at the Sun. The boy, the eldest, whom I saw clothed has all the appearance & action of 10 years, tho over 20. The girl has more largeness of head & such as we often see in girls than boys when the bones have not the convexity of smaller heads, but nothing from which age could have been fixed tho inclining to the belief. I did not converse or hear these children sing, but I saw enough that could convince me they had infantile minds & bodies.

21. Sunday. Notes. Sara Bateman with her sister & brother, d. of their mother Mary Bateman, aet. 53. She was a Batton in Turner Street, a worthy woman & has left five children, three sons. She was not so happy as we could have wished in her marriage with a stranger. Pr. for absent, as her son is married at Rowley, youngest at trade in Danvers. William Babbidge & wife, d. of her mother Bateman, pr. for friends absent. Sara Batten & daughter, d. of her Sister in law, pr. for friends absent. She a Coffin.

28. Sunday. The supply of the North Pulpit in Salem is the present concern. The people are well informed generally in all things better than in religion. They have been candid because nothing has been distinctly marked. Dr. B[arnard] was not a Calvinist & never professed to be a Trinitarian but he introduced a Confession with the doctrine without knowing it. He was at ease in his condition & that reconciled him to the rich & he was familiar with the poor & that passed for goodness. The second choice, Dr. T[readwell] says, was made by the women, who now are reluctant in giving up their right to the election. It is a question whether the choice is to be of a young man or an old? Whether to invite a candidate or call one already called? The morrow is to be the time of meeting. I had a curious application from one L. Dwight who came with the names of the Pr. of Andover Institute respecting Tracts. He refused a bare subscription. He said he expected that persons would print particular tracts at their own expence. That one person had given for the Sh[epard] of Salisbury plain, 120 D., for another tract, 40, another, 30 D. I told him I held no responsibility for such proceedings & did not subscribe.

The Business of the Missions proceeds in the most daring man-

ner. Communicants have been challenged upon the subject at Communion & their zeal demanded. A zealot, to get the work into my society, borrowed a newspaper & then lent their own paper with a requisition from all men. Mr. Austin, our Honestus, gave me a copy sent him in a letter which I carried with me as a curiosity. Have it before me. It requires the Farmer with his Sons & servants to apply land to be cultivated for Missions & proceeds to be given. The Mechanic is challenged for his house and the manufacturer for his profits. The Merchant must give his per cent & everyone his family, clerks, &c., master, supercargoes & officers are called upon by name & sailors in their hours below, fishermen for their best fish & females of every age and name for the first Monday of each month. Daring beyond Daring.

29. A Mr. Masury is building a small house in Becket street on the Crowninshield lot. The Court rose last week. Dr. Sewall of Essex was fined 4 Hundred Dollars for each offence in removing bodies from their graves, which he did in a most shameful manner. Several civil cases exhibited no small degree of moral depravity but we have not yet in Essex reached daring & open crimes.

30. Delivered up the Curwin picture to G. A. Ward for a mean painting of Gov. Burnet of 1729. The exchange was agreed on but the person was mean enough to try to make a fraud out of it. This picture of Curwin was a three quarter length & much defaced. I cut out the part representing the head & employed Corné to supply the part injured, but he did it in a very clumsy manner. At length H[annah] C[rowninshield] undertook it & with the band before her with success. For all this care I am rewarded by endless requests. So with Capt. Allen, the Town settlement book, the Salem Indian Deed, the Church Book & an endless series of such requests which have amounted to implied & sometimes to open threatenings.

December 1, 1819. Eb. Parsons, Esqr. who died on 27 Nov., aet. 76, at Parsons, named after him, formerly Byfield parish,* Newbury, was born at that place, in which his father Rev. Moses Parsons was the Cong. Minister & died in 1784. He was Brother to the celebrated Theophilus Parsons, Chief Justice of Massachusetts, & was an eminent & wealthy merchant in Boston to which he removed after the revolutionary war. He was well known by his most zealous opposition to the party opposed to the Federals, to whom he discovered a most warm attachment till the last peace. He has since retired to his farm and seat in Parsons & had displayed moderation & acquiescence in public measures. He was a Merchant of the first character & probity & of great influence. He had particularly interested himself in his last years in the agriculture of our Country.

2. Annual Thanksgiving. Congregation fuller than Common

* Newbury West Parish, now West Newbury.

& Contribution generous. I was invited to dine with Col. Pickering with Pr. Kirkland who preached at the North Church. It was a family meeting. I had formerly visited this family much but for many years the political prejudices of the times had excluded me. All the children had been born & grown up since I visited the Father & Mother & G. Mother in the same house opp. St. Peters St., the residence of the Col. Pickman who died before I came to Salem. At this interview I learnt that the North Church on Monday last concurred in a vote which amounted to an invitation to Mr. Coleman of Hingham to leave his charge. As Mr. C. was settled by the party which opposed Mr. R[ichardson] whom I assisted to establish I have no knowledge of him. He was educated under Dr. Freeman of Boston & had difficulty from admitting into his pulpit a man that had been in the pulpit of Mr. R. This is the plea of seperation. Mr. R. has so conducted that his congregation has increased & all the violence against him has not injured him. Col. P. appeared to have some scruples but I sought no explanation.

3. Capt. Graves, just from St. Salvador, brings an account of the Endicott from Salem. The Endicott, a new Ship, left Salem 5 May & reached St. Salvador 26 Sept., crossed the Equator 1 July & on 29th shipped a sea [which] washed every man on deck overboard, 2d mate & 7 men, carried away mizzen mast & everything on deck, rudder, &c. Capt. Shreve commanded.

4. Penelope, wife of Th. English & d. of G. Bethune, Esqr. aet. 56, died at Boston, 26 Nov. 1819. She was my favorite girl when I was Chaplain to her Grand Father B. Faneuil, Esqr. at her Father's G. Bethuene who married a daughter of said B. F. She was possessed of a sympathetic mind & could easily be formed to the best dispositions of her friends & could readily enter into their views & their pleasures. With knowledge enough for her own age and times, she had all the pleasures of person & accomplishments which seize upon our affections. She could easily become what she wished to be & could assist at the highest ceremonies & soon excel in the most innocent pastimes. We wished Pene with us to complete our circles. She had no levity, but free & at command. Her freedoms were ease at the point to please. Her conversation from what interested and was present. Her thoughts given to be shared by the whole company & such a part as they would have chosen, if they could chuse what they most desired. She was a mother's girl stealing rather more than her share of affection, but not abusing it. She was her father's girl because she had nothing to ask of him but had more because she took willingly what he gave. The Brothers & Sisters loved her for she gave up everything they asked from her & the Servants of every name could tell all their wants for her kind opportunities to serve them. Her son was the imprudent young man who studied divinity before he knew his own

mind, and abandoned it from disappointment in its evidence & prospects. Who defended the Jews, because they were injured, & is now in Turkey, because discontented with the Christians.

5. Sunday. The state of the North Church in Salem has become interesting from the questions which a resettlement involved. It is the general wish to obtain Mr. Coleman of Hingham. Then come these questions. Can we honourably invite him from his charge in Hingham? Can we provide for him by the Contribution from assessments upon the pews as usual, or to influence him can we have another contribution or assessment on property or estates? On the first question as to the order of the invitation in the issue, as it was conducted, the votes were in favour as 19 to 13, but the 13 were not against the man but from a supposed indelicacy of the application. A schism was supposed partially to have existed from a blame cast upon him for supplying his desk, but it was said that this difficulty had been removed by full confessions by those who had been imprudent. As a motive for perseverance in the invitation it was added that the Old Church, under the infirmities of their Pastor Dr. Prince, would invite Coleman & would have support from all the friends of Mr. Coleman in the North Church. And it was added that the New Church in New York would probably call for him & so he would be lost to N. E. But as he had been at Baltimore without an invitation this was doubted. It was added as his only motive for leaving his present charge would be the incompetence of his support, he must be well paid to induce his resignation of his present charge. It was then said by a person of the Brattle Street Church that they paid their minister Mr. Palfray from the pews, but then they had a manse in possession which saved the expence of that article. It is said by another that in the New Church in Summer St. they paid Mr. Greenwood & they assessed part on the pews & part on property perhaps more willingly as all the bills of the house were not paid. Yet it was said it was the prevailing opinion that they should have done better had they proceeded in the usual way by assessments only on the pews. They calculate to pay a high salary. They did not pay Dr. Barnard well, a small one. To my sorrow I read one of his letters of complaint to his congregation. They have had heavy charges during the long indisposition, travels & confinement of their late Pastor. The measures are interesting upon another account. The Society has not been very modest about the opinions of others & they tell of being joined by Judge Story from the Ep. Church & his friends, by Dr. Treadwell who left them at the last choice & went to St. Peters, & by many who say they will certainly assist the best preacher. They also urge that the ungraceful manner of Dr. W[orcester] has been supplied with the elocution of their young assistant pastor Mr. C[ornelius] & they wish to meet the best upon their own ground. They also wish the weight of Character to support the Unitarian cause honourably.

At the last notice to my Committee yesterday, I began my tickets of the Hardy Street Meeting House, instead of the East M. H. & Second Church. It was thus much confusion was avoided in Boston. We have a place of worship, such as it is, eastward of us in a barn in English St., fitted up for worship. Barnard's North M. H. has the first Baptist Church north of it. New North, New South, are difficult, as in Boston when they have Third, &c., and there are second Baptist as well as Cong. Ch. Third in common life we need something to designate more familiarly.

7. Town meeting upon the Missouri Slavery. The question would be more interesting if it could be believed from the persons busy in it that they did intend only the humanity professed in it. But they are the same men who have jealousy of the slave states as receiving public honours & enjoying a more refined & improved state of society. The Richmond Enquirer says "We are afraid it will lead to discord between the free & slave holding states. These meetings would sacrifice the means to the end. The Louisiana treaty guarantees admission on the same terms." Willard Peele in the Chair. Col. B. Pickman opened the subject. A. Dunlop spoke & Judge Story talked long upon it. All the votes were unanimous & no. The Selectmen, who were to send on the resolution, were three in a Committee. Col. B. P[ickman], Judge S[tory] & Joseph Peabody, Esqr. I love to see how these spoutings are managed by political address.

9. By the late opening of Pleasant street, &c., Osgood's house, down Northey street, is open through Winter street & at Essex st. the inner range of trees on W's place is with the western side of the Street. Forrester is moving into his new house on N. side of W's place & Andrews is finishing his wall. The causeway now Newbury street is raised several feet. D. Pickman's house on the Pickering farm is covered. Pickman's house large. Our sextons are strangely deficient in their payments to the hearsemen, who are a grade above them while they are surely in the humblest grade of our citizens. We miss Philip English.

10. We have had abundance of poultry, turkeys, & geese in the market this season & good. The unusual quantities of pork raised has made excellent pork to be had at 6 cents pr. lb. The best of wood at the Wharves delivered at your door for 5½ Dollars, a moderate price. The inactivity of Commerce has prevented the many demands for houses so that rents are comparatively low & more houses by mortgages & conveyances have passed to Creditors & banks than were ever before in that condition owing chiefly to the indiscrete purchase of real estate & needless building, which the overflowing of bank money caused, not knowing what else to do with it.

12. Sunday. Note. Wid. Elizabeth Thomas, Wid. of Capt. W. T., she a Stillman, marr. 1773, long sick & very sick in Brown

street. She was clinically received into my church & has been long infirm not able to lay in bed.

13. My nephew informs me that he was in the way to look to for my pictures & books & that he has heard from France that the books for which we wrote were on the way only waiting an opportunity to be shipped to Boston. He mentions 21 volumes, 8vo. & an atlas. Mr. Ward tells me he heard at the Widow of Dr. Mason that my Nephew had been there & that the portrait of Dr. Pemberton, taken in more advanced life, was at Plainfield in Conn. among the relatives & Mr. Ward promised to search for it & get it for me. My Nephew has consulted Shaw & is to visit Th. Wolcott & may perhaps write at my request to Duane. He had visited Mrs. Crocker, D. of Dr. S. Mather. The Antiq. has made love to everything already.

14. Nicholas Pike, Esqr. aet. 76, who died on 9 instant at Newbury Port was for a long time a Schoolmaster & published an Arithmetic which was long in use before Walsh of the same place published his Commercial Arithmetic. Both were practical men & skilled more by habits than mathematical researches. Walsh removed & is at Boston. Pike was a magistrate & a man of reputation in his private character. He graduated at Camb. in 1768 & was a member of the Am. Academy as writers were few in the early days of that institution. He was not on the first list. He was what his school had made him.

23. News from New York of the loss of Ship America at Sandy Hook.

26. Sunday. Note. James Fairfield & wife, his return from sea, from Brazils, death of her mother Goodrich, aet. 52, at Beverly & his Sister Searle in Salem, during his absence. We are still busy in Salem about the removal from Hingham. As the delay continues, the doubts arise & division is to be feared more, the longer the uncertainty. It is said 1500 dollars are to be raised, the 12 h. given to the former pastor as before on the pews & the other 3 h. by subscription for which as yet no provision is made to render it permanent. We the told that above 60 had signed for the invitation. The choice was referred to the Church who sent it back to the Proprietors who are to secure the consent of the Pastor elected by them & then the Church are to act upon that consent obtained. It is a work sui generis. But it has an uncommon degree of zeal in it which is chiefly to be found among the young men. As the Hingham recusants said the pastor of the parish would not tarry three years it must not flatter their pride to be deserted by their own.

27. We have at present no buildings going on & few Ships at the wharves. A Ship from China has reached Marblehead, to the Hoopers. The East Indies is the least part of their Trade. On Wednesday last arrived Schooner Capt. Meservy, the last of the

Marblehead fishermen, all safe but with small fares. Only 4 men have been lost by sickness or accident. In Marblehead, as a novelty, Deacon John Goodwin & Sons have lately erected a Windmill near the harbour on the head nigh the old Custom House. About 100 feet in circumference & 50 feet in height. It will be of great use to the Inhabitants & a good landmark.

28. The market reasonable. Fowles & Turkies from 7 to 8 cents, beef from 8 to 10, pork from 6 to 7 cents, vegetables in abundance & the frequent auctions & forced sales make many bankruptcies. Easy credits abroad, bonded duties, drawbacks, have proved snares to many adventures. We think we feel less of it in Salem than in some other places, as we are less in the retail business & import by our Vessels & sell by wholesale upon our return. We have needless incurred debts for the town. In our buildings, roads & salaries, all of which are unpaid for. Such as our Town & Market house, Schools & other houses, great expences on wells at the same time instead of successively as our finances allowed. And the School salaries have been raised beyond any former example without benefit, & it is contemplated to make a Minister's living double what it has ever been. Our domestic economy is not yet entirely lost, but we have needless expensive visiting parties, especially for the gratification of our young people. Expensive dinners when we are to display no hospitality but emulate each other, & too many voluntary associations which had young persons to dispose of money they never earn under various pretences. We have as yet little parade in servants, carriages & animal expences & upon this account we cannot have out parties without great trouble & they are less frequent. As to our morals they are not yet essentially changed. We have more intemperance but it is less beastly. We have few thefts, frauds from our own citizens. We have had some shameful transgressions as at Essex Bank but they were from persons high in reputation in Church & State, induced by the parade of life, & having confidence for years in which they were forming habits of transgression. Our Church Estate the same. Moderation in the old Churches & Zeal in the new. Supplied from very different Colleges & with different habits. Some observe their Sundays, others are as frequent at public devotions as in Catholic & foreign countries & the opinions have very little power compared with the ceremonies.

John Chipman, aet. 73, who died of apoplexy this week, was a grandson of the Revd. John Chipman of Beverly & brother of Thomas Chipman who married a Millet living in Church street & keeping a grocery store in Mill street. John was a Cabinet maker & worked at the Corner of Liberty street passing from Vine street to Market on the South E. side. The place is now taken into the street. He married a Tozzer in Orange street & has since removed to the entrance of the Salem Turnpike. He was a man of

good person & good manners. The widow Mary Floyd, aet. 80, was the widow of Mr. Floyd the Gardener who lived in Southfields & cultivated a plot of ground for the market. He was a man short of stature, but of great simplicity of manners. Had a house in St. Peter's street. Died at her sister's in S. fields.

29. "Congress, 16th House, Bankrupt Bill appeared. 17 Bill of exports & Report of Director of Internal revenue. Many wants made known at the Treasury. The Prince Regent of England has told a direful tale to Parliament. In France a great calm but for what still doubtful. In India they watch the movements by land & sea. Capt. Konochie has drawn attention to the Great Ocean. Mr. Kenneil to the power of approaching India from Europe by land. He grants this power as things are only to the Russians in alliance with Northern Asiatic powers. In the Eastern seas as well as the Western they complain of Pirates. In Van Dieman's land they find their European evils acting all the part of our Savages, & have executed destruction. The Bengal Government have a Board of trade that can give authority to any member to exercise all the powers of the board as circumstances may require." [The end of the Diary of Dr. William Bentley.]

Dr. Bentley died on Wednesday evening, 29th. Dec., 1819. He had for some time been aware that he was liable to die at any moment from his disease "Angina Pectoris." He had been out that evening on a visit to his parishioner Capt. James Fairfield & returned to his boarding house about 10 o'clock. I, at that time, kept in the drug store of Wm. Stearns, the eastern store of the Union Building, directly opposite to the dwelling of his landlady, Mrs. Crowninshield. I was about quitting the store for the night and while closing the shutters I saw the Dr. coming up street walking very fast for the evening was an intensely cold one. I saw him pass into his door and while I was locking the door of our store I heard a loud outcry from Mrs. Crowninshield and ran over and found the Dr. prostrate on the floor. I immediately hurried to Dr. Treadwell who lived in North Street and who was in bed. I told him the reason of my calling was that Dr. Bentley was in a fit. He answered "he is dead but I will come immediately." When I returned I found Dr. Oliver there, and soon Dr. Treadwell came. Life was extinct. In company with Benj'n Crowninshield, late Clerk at the Charlestown Navy Yard, I remained with the corpse till morning. His funeral was conducted the next week. Old Harvard (his Alma Mater) who had withheld her honors and even civilities from him during his life, was represented by her officers and distinguished sons in doing tardy justice to his vast learning, his noble benevolence and eminent merits. Political intolerance yielded to the sense of his merits and sung paeans & requiems to

the honored clay. The funeral was from his meeting house, the Sermon by the Hon. (then Revd.) Edward Everett. A large cortege of citizens and free masons, of which fraternity he was a member, followed his remains to the Howard Street burying ground, where they were deposited. They have since been removed to Harmony Grove Cemetery and a monument erected above them by his parishioners. Here died a man who with all his eccentricities, and they were many, was a noble specimen of humanity and whose memory is now enshrined in the affection & respect of all who had the rare felicity of knowing his excellencies and his erudition. The Doctorate was conferred upon him by Allegany College at Meadville, Penn. By his will, which was written with his own hand and on part of a sheet of common paper, he gave to the American Antiquarian Society at Worcester all his German books, all Manuscripts not of his own writing & all his paintings and engravings. They were numerous and valuable. To the Allegany College, all his classical books, dictionaries & Bibles. The residue of his estate to his nephew Wm. B. Fowle, bookseller in Boston. This residue was but a few hundred dollars for he was of rare benevolence that lived not for self but to relieve the wants & alleviate the sufferings of others. During the 3 years that I kept opposite to him, I sent by his order and by his payment, frequently, supplies of groceries and other necessities to poor persons, some of them not of his own parish, with strict orders that it should not be known who sent them. "Take him for all in all, we ne'er shall look upon his like again."—[*From Note Book kept by Benjamin F. Browne now in the possession of the Essex Institute.*]

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